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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### RUNNING COMMENT ON HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK.

**Union Scabs Are Really the Strike-Breakers—Fine Graveyards for Foodies, Potter's Field for Poor—Capitalism Propped on Prostitution—One Thing an S. P. Paper Won't Steal.**

A magnificent chance bids fair to offer itself whereby the patriotic A. F. of L. organizations may exhibit that patriotic zeal that burns in their bosoms. The summary way in which the Nicaraguan Charge d'Affairs was dismissed by Secretary Knox, the insulting ultimatum read to the Chilean Minister, these and many other straws, big and small, indicate a lust for war with the South American republics. They are symptoms of a determination to "invest in war." Now let the patriotic guilds of the Civic Federationized A. F. of L. offer their "loyalty" to the aspirant butchers of the South American proletariat.

The old yarn about "clash between strikers and strike-breakers" comes from St. Paul. Fact is there is no clash whatever, but only the most lovely relations with the strike-breakers. The strike-breakers are not the men who are taking the places of the switchmen on strike. The real strike-breakers are the members of the other railroad brotherhoods—locomotive engineers, firemen, trainmen, conductors, etc.—all of which "good Union men" continue at their posts, and thereby make the success of the switchmen's strike impossible. Not a stone has been fired at these, the strike-breakers de facto, without the organized scabbery of whom the disorganized men who are taking the switchmen's places would have no show.

A final A. H. D. Statisticians of "prosperity among the workers" have sorely made a find. Bridget Trophy, a cook employed at a boarding house in this city and who has just died, is discovered to have left the snug little sum of \$30,000. This is a prime item for the statisticians aforementioned to confute Socialism; and prove, aye, demonstrate, aye, settle once for all that the proletariat are the depositors in the savings banks, and that they are well off; aye, wealthy; aye, positively affluent.

The Chicago correspondence uncovering the graft on the "Daily Socialist" does vastly more than explain why Mr. A. M. Simons is asking: "What's the matter with the S. P.?" Similar investigating committees, as the one that was turned on the "Daily Socialist," if turned upon the rest of the privately-owned S. P. press and other S. P. agencies, would reveal an identical, if not a worse, state of things—all of which would explain the deep malignant hatred of the S. P. leadership, both "intellectual" and "professional-workmanlike," for the S. L. P. by whose bare existence their genius feels rebuked.

The last message to the world sent by Elizabeth Tobler, the Paterson, N. J. girl who committed suicide, was: "A single girl cannot be happy." Whereupon the Juggernaut of capitalist society, which crushes the family before, during and after starting, rolled over the ill-starred girl, to the tune of: "The Sacredness of the Family," sung by the chorus of snaffle-nosed pietist-hypocrites whose breath to-day pollutes the social atmosphere.

Fourteen acres of land have been purchased by the Central Illinois Pet Animal Cemetery Association with headquarters in Peoria. With thousands and hundreds of thousands of the sons and daughters of man in the land, who have not where to lay their heads, not only have the foxes holes, and the birds of the air nests, but now luxuriously laid out burial grounds are furnished for dogs and cats. Who would deny that the spirit of Christianity is progressing!

Pity the space of the Daily People will not allow a translation in full of the long report that the "Volkszeitung" of the 25th of last month publishes of the meeting held the day before by the German members (Volkszeitungites) of the Socialist party of this city. Nothing would be better calculated to demonstrate the petrified corruption and corrupt petrification of that set. They

met to consider their party's plight. And what were the propositions suggested by the Schlueters, the Jonases and the like to improve conditions? It seems incredible. Their "Partei" is wrecked by reason of its proven false principles, which caused it to expect sunbeams out of cucumbers. The sunbeams having failed to shine the Schlueter-Jonase crew propose changes in form! Instead of the Assembly Districts, the Congress Districts are to be the bases of organization! Only one man hit the nail on the head with a proposition to condemn the S. P. delegates to Toronto. That had hands and feet, but therefore was too De Leonistic. For that very reason it was declared "too late" to consider it, and it was put off! The one change needed, the correct Trades Union attitude, sends the shivers down the spines of the Volkszeitung beneficiaries of the Civic Federationized A. F. of L. For nonsense that gentry always have time; for sense it is always "too late."

"Who is Joseph Stevens, the street thief caught in Hartford, and whose New York friends put up \$10,000 to set him free?" "Is he a scion of some wealthy family who want to prevent his exposure, or is he one of a ring of New York politicians who are putting up the money to prevent his squealing?" These be questions that typify our Age—the Age of the Reign of Wealth and Politicians.

It should not escape notice that, immediately after election, the campaign days outcry against "White Slavery" was forthwith hushed as if by magic. Both in raising the outcry, and now in keeping quiet, the Republican-Democratic-Reform press depict themselves. Without prostitution their social system can not exist, and they use the smudge in their election slogans to perpetuate their system.

No doubt need be entertained of the authenticity of the despatch from the "Appeal to Reason," published in the Spokane "Industrial Worker," and promising a "Special Spokane Issue":—

There is a fake sheet in Glendale, which for cash works awfully hard—Land schemes, "I'm-a-bum" schemes, Provided they bring means, Are all to it good old hog's lard.

A look at the Chicago "International Socialist Review," a privately-owned publication of the Socialist party, suggests suggestive questions. The Socialist Labor Party has ever opposed "neutrality" towards Unionism and maintained the necessity of agitating for revolutionary Unionism: the S. P. denied that; the "International Socialist Review" espoused the denial; now the "Review" denies the denial. The S. L. P. repudiates "immediate demands" as being sops that capitalism could out-sop; the S. P. denied that; the "Review" espoused the denial; now the "Review" denies the denial. In other words—three elemental S. L. P. principles, rejected by the S. P. and one time by the "Review" are now accepted by the "Review." Question: "Does the 'Review' swing in line with the S. L. P.?" No. "Why not?" A fourth elemental principle with the S. L. P. is that the Party must own its press, or the press will play fast and loose with the Party. The "Review" being a private undertaking for private profit, like any other pen-and-ink, and finding business slack on S. P. lines, wants to try S. L. P. lines, but can not accept the S. L. P. principle of Party-ownership of its press. Consequently the "Review" wants a party that squares with its private interests. In other words, the posture of the "Review" is to reform the S. P. upon a basis from which a fresh set of wrongfulnesses is sure to crop up.

Republican leader Henry Meyer of the Sixth Assembly District of Brooklyn having died under circumstances which "revealed a scandal in the life of the district leader of which his political associates knew nothing"; and that scandal being to the effect that he dwelled with another woman for years and had several children by her, while he had a wife still living whom he occasionally visited, Republican leader Henry Meyer's papers and library should at once be thoroughly ransacked. No doubt while parading as a Republican leader, Meyer was a member of at least seventeen Socialist parties; and on his bookshelves must be stacked ten upon ten of copies of Bebel's "Woman Under Socialism," the



THE MAKING OF THE "SCAB"



Elsewhere in this issue is published the letter to his American comrades, written by Paul Kretlow, the engineer and S. L. P. comrade, now residing in Berlin, who represented the Party at the recent session of the International Socialist Bureau in Brussels.

The S. P. move to oust the S. L. P. from the Bureau was so obviously a scatterbrained scheme, the direct consequence of the S. P. policy having suffered shipwreck at every point, including the little sense that party ever had, that the S. L. P. declined not to take notice of the move. The S. L. P. limited itself to provide for a proxy for its regular representative at the session of the Bureau, and concentrated its efforts upon the real battle field—at home.

Kretlow's letter to his American comrades, embodying the substance of his report to the National Executive Committee of the S. L. P., however, induces us to take a bird's-eye view of this latest of the S. P. moves to fight the battles of the American Movement upon European soil.

Even making full allowance for S. P.

diligent study of which alone could have misled him into such a scandal.

Rear Admiral Wainwright and his fellow aged naval officers need not pull such an abused face over the new ninety-mile endurance test which they charge was "framed up in order to cause retirements and discharges in the service and to make room for younger blood." Rear Admiral Wainwright and his colleagues are the armed naval props of a system that plumes itself on its ability to get all there is in an employee out of him in a few years, and then cast him aside for "younger" and ever "younger" blood. Why should the Admirals and others take it to heart when the system is turned against them too?

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scatterbrainedness, it is quite certain that the S. P. leaders never for a moment imagined the Bureau would proceed upon the ostensible allegations of their alleged "huge membership" and of "S. L. P. smallness." Never for a moment did they place their confidence of success on that. They are not quite idiots. The dust of numbers that they raised was but a blind. That upon which they did bank for success was the volumes of calumny that they have dumped into European ears for these ten consecutive years against the S. L. P.—the calumnies concerning S. L. P. "scabbery," the calumnies concerning S. L. P. secret support from capitalist parties, the calumnies concerning the antecedents of S. L. P. officials—all of which calumnies were whispered or insinuated. The calumniator proceeds upon the theory that "something will stick." The S. P. calumniators builded, moreover, upon the theory that the purity of the European Movement could be "impressed" with such yarns, provided they were unremittingly repeated. It is upon THAT the S. P. leadership

## "FREE SPEECH"

### HUMBLED WORKED IN SPOKANE TO RAKE IN FUNDS.

So-called Free Speech Fight a Ruse of I-am-a-Bum Chiefs to Knock Out Graft for Themselves—Dupes Used as Means to Collect the Coin; Leaders Let Them "Hunger."

Seattle, Wash., November 26.—

FREE SPEECH IN MOTLEY.

FREE BEGGING IN MOCK HEROICS

A Screaming Farce Entitled

"A Night in Spokane."

The "Free Speech" fight (?) in Spokane is not so much for mere talking free-

based their hopes; although that never came on the tapis, IT was relied on as the "piece de resistance." And they failed signally. The Bureau upheld the status quo. Left things as they were.

It is this feature, "behind the scenes" of the event, that entitles the event to a passing notice.

A Movement, like that headed by the S. L. P., not only need not fear, it should delight at being calumniated. Nothing proves the correctness of a Movement better than that condition of its opponents that leaves them armless for arguments, armless for facts, and drives them to falsehood. The test is a double one. It tests the slandered Movement and it tests those whom it is attempted to dupe by slander. The Socialist Movement is international. If either the S. L. P. could have been drowned by calumny, or the European comrades affected thereby, the Movement would be but a rope of sand. The S. L. P. resisted, the European Movement did not succumb.

The S. L. P. of America receives and returns the handclasp of Comrade Paul Kretlow,

ing of their degradation. Men who proclaim aversion to all work, we may believe to have no part or parcel with honest labor. Wherefore, all such using the name "Worker" or "Union," filch the same, and besmirch an honorable term. We are accustomed to think of a Labor Union as a bond between men who work. Yet we behold a "Union" composed of "I Won't Works," whose aim is to cloak their begging in such a form as to shield the grafting done upon the sympathetic, the credulous, and the ignorant.

The leaders, conspiring again "for revenue only," devise ever new excitations to blind their dupes to the one and only straight and continuous course the chiefs pursue,—the direct and continuous collecting of moneys.

Expenses for Revenue Only.

For "expenses,"—whose expenses?—those of the leaders who have devised this method of living without work, and of their few necessary disciples, who spread the infection among the mentally blind. Witness the "Hunger Strikes" for the followers only; the "Freezing Strikes" for the dupes alone.

A Magnificent Extravaganza. Staged as an extravaganza, the motif is a screaming success; enacted in real life, upon the sufferings of deluded, ignorant proselytes, it becomes a thing to arrest public interest. Something more than brute force is demanded to stem these spasms of collective insanity.

Only Reason Can Conquer Error.

Men, who for self-gain, be-devil ignorant proselytes, should be punished; but that is not enough. Instead of attempting to crush these same ignorant followers by force, some capable mind should undertake to remove the error that deludes them. Truth does not survive through Force; it triumphs through Reason. Men, here and there, may be crushed, but history teaches us that the safety of a community never lies in repressive measures. A community must live because it can and does convince its people that it survives through the Truth that is in it. Reason conquers all things, where Force can only fail.

Spokane should enlighten, and mold into good citizens, these ignorant dupes of designing knaves, rather than make jail-birds of them. Some there are, of one feather with the leaders, bums at heart, incorrigible and breathing poison; let them get their just deserts, swift and sure. At the same time, let the light of Reason destroy their held upon such ignorant ones as blindly follow.

E. H. Fogarty.

## CANADIANS TAKE NOTICE!

All Canadian readers of the Daily and Weekly People are urgently requested to correspond with the National Secretary of the Socialist Labor Party of Canada, Philip Courtenay, 144 Duchess Avenue, London, Ont., with the object in view of spreading correct propaganda literature of our Party, and organizing active working sections in your locality. Wake up! Organize! Educate! if you want Socialism.

## NATIONAL SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE.

Single Craft May Be Called Out to Fight Bosses Single Handed

Chicago, December 5.—A national strike of railroad employees appears more, likely to-day. Following the conference in New York yesterday at which Grand Master Lee and Fifth Vice-President Murdock were named as a committee to decide whether the men shall go out or remain at work in case the demand which they will shortly present for a 10 per cent. increase in pay is refused, it became known in Chicago that employees of twenty-eight western roads will swing into line with similar demands and it now seems certain that the great army of men working on the transportation lines of the country have decided to back up their wage demands by striking if advances were not granted.

## Yet Another Stay for Gompers.

Washington, November 30.—The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia to-day granted the petition of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor, in the contempt case against them, for a stay of execution of the mandate of the court sending them to jail.

The mandate is stayed indefinitely, pending appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

## PAUL KRETLOW

### S. L. P. PROXY TO INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST BUREAU.

Addresses His American Comrades "the Socialist Labor Party—Necessity of Solid Building on the Rock of the Class Struggle if Labor Is to Be Emancipated."

Berlin, November 19.—To my American Comrades:—Twice in my life so far have exceptional honors been conferred upon me—first, when I represented the S. L. P. at the International Congress in Paris, and now, when I had the honor of being the delegate at the International Socialist Bureau as the proxy of our esteemed Comrade De Leon.

As to the move of the S. P. to remove the S. L. P. from the Bureau it failed in toto. The status quo was upheld. The documents I had with me throwing light upon the composition of the two parties proved of much interest to many of the delegates. Several of them asked for copies to be sent to them.

I feel it my duty to address a few complimentary and encouraging remarks to those comrades who have stood faithfully by the colors of the S. L. P.

About eighteen years have passed now since first I learned the principles of the S. L. P. During almost nine years of active work in Chicago, with The People ever at my side, I found it was the best school I ever went through in my life. I learned to understand my surroundings, and comprehend men's actions, so that I could foresee from which side danger or opposition could and must be expected. The teaching of the class struggle was the rock on which the education I received was and should be built. If a new schemer or "savior" crops up to "sacrifice" himself for the interests of the poor, it is not so difficult to see his real aims and objects, if he try to ignore the class struggle.

All those comrades and sympathizers, who believe the progress of the S. L. P. is not fast enough may be right; even some of the moves and tactics of the S. L. P. may have been wrong; but those were mistakes made by men. But are the methods of those who are in opposition to the S. L. P. to be preferred? What is their aim? To get votes. Well, in '93 I believe it was, I thought T. Morgan was right, we ought to go together, and try to elect an

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The Supreme Court, Appellate Division, on Dec. 3 handed down a decision reversing the decision of the Appellate Term which, last summer, affirmed a judgment of the City Court, rendered in April, 1907, in favor of Ephraim Siff against the Socialist Labor Party. The case is fully five years old. Siff preferred against the Party a claim, untenable in reason, in justice and in law, for about \$1,000. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court sustains the contentions of the Party at all points, with costs in all the Courts to abide the result.

Later, and at an opportune time, the Daily People will treat at length the great importance of this victory, to the integrity of the whole Movement, won by the S. L. P., who, with dogged tenacity, stood all these years for the great principle involved, and parried and thwarted a wide network of artful doublings, twistings and even corrupt machinations.

In the meantime readers of the Daily People may form some idea of the real issue involved, and may judge that issue never was the \$1,000, but was something of farther and deeper reach, from the circumstance that, at the time of the adverse decisions, now reversed, the S. P. press actually "leaped out of its shirt" with joy, and went so delirious, the "New Yorker Volkszeitung" leading, and Max Hayes' "Cleveland Citizen" bringing up the rear, that the reports they gave of the case and the decision were insane enough to amuse, and to cause the knowing to enjoy in advance the laugh of him who laughs last.



## NEBRASKA S. P.

OFFERS IMPORTANT OFFICES TO  
NON-PARTY MEMBERS.

**Casts Aside All Principle and in Desperation Nominates Outside Man for State Committee—Fact Points to Disorganized Movement in State.**

Niobrara, Neb., November 26.—The situation in the ranks of the Socialist party in this State is becoming desperate. It is so thinning out because of a process of "reorganizing" which has gone on that they seem to be at a loss for material to fill executive functions in their party. The consequence is seen when they nominate men outside their organization to hold important offices. I was the recipient of such a nomination, but of course, firmly rejected the "honor." I prefer to be true to Socialist principle, and not aid a so-called Socialist party in selling out the working class.

Herewith is given a letter which I received from the S. P. state secretary in which he notified me of my nomination as a state committeeman, in spite of the fact that I am no member of the organization:

Lincoln, Nebr., Nov. 16th, 1909.  
Leo Lambrigger, Niobrara, Nebr.

Dear Comrade:—You are hereby notified that your name has been placed in nomination as candidate for the office of State Executive Committeeman of the State of Nebraska.

Do you accept or decline?

Answer .....  
Signed .....  
Address .....  
Dated ..... 1909

The above reply must reach the State Office not later than November 30th. Otherwise your name will not appear on the referendum ballot.

Fraternally Yours,  
Clyde J. Wright, State Secretary.

Upon receipt of this letter I sent the following answer to Mr. Clyde J. Wright:

Niobrara, Neb., Nov. 25th, 1909.  
Mr. Clyde J. Wright,  
State Secretary S. P. Nebraska.

Sir:—Your very peculiar letter of notification for candidate of State Executive Committeeman, was duly received. The fact of placing my name in nomination for this office would not under ordinary circumstances be strange nor remarkable. But the fact is that I am not a member of the Socialist party movement in Nebraska, and furthermore, you know, by reason of your official position, that I am no member. You might have informed the person who nominated me of that fact.

There is another peculiar fact contained in your communication, and that is, your seeming ignorance of my open and formal withdrawal from the Socialist party of Nebraska. My withdrawal took place along with that of Local Niobrara, S. P., when the national executive committee illegally declared the state disorganized. The withdrawal was published in the form of a resolution, copies of which were sent to all national executive committeemen, national committeemen, national and state headquarters, all Locals in Nebraska and to every member-at-large in the state. I hereby enclose you a copy and I have reason to believe that you must have seen a copy many a time.

These facts should especially unfit me for office in your party, yet you have the temerity to propose my name for candidate of an executive office in your organization. The only explanation of your present conduct seems to me to be that you are in desperation driven to this step because you have become so disorganized in the state that you must go outside of your party ranks for competent timber to perform the necessary executive functions. Or is it that you are willing to admit that your "remodeled" S. P. is devoid of all Socialist principle? Need you be told that a party whose members recognize no principles is necessarily without virtues and therefore a worthless institution.

I intend to keep your notification as a curio, and I hope that my answer of "No" to your proposal will be satisfactory.

In conclusion I will say that should the funeral of the Socialist party in Nebraska soon take place, you will not have reasons to lay the cause to any of the members of Local Niobrara, but it will be solely due to the lack of principle of the S. P. itself. May the party soon make way for a true political and true economic organization.

Respectfully yours,  
Leo J. Lambrigger.

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PAUL KRETLOW.

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alderman in Chicago, with the assistance of all progressive elements; and with that remarkable Plank 10 in the platform, we at once had a big party, the "People's party." Does any one know where the remnants lie? That party could not withstand a breeze, let alone the storm that is sure yet to come. And this is what I would call attention to. I have traveled through various parts of the globe, but nowhere have I found the capitalist class so brutal and reckless as in the United States. As soon as the Socialist forces become dangerous, the attack will be prepared and made at the proper time.

Then it will have to be proven, what sort of material the organizations of the workers are made of. And I am convinced that all those, who have not yet learned to recognize the foe when they see him, who do not know their own class interest, will without knowing it become supporters of a capitalist party that pretends to represent the working class. Therefore it is of utmost importance that our press, even at the risk of not gaining subscribers fast enough, hew close to the line of the class struggle.

What a deplorable sight, for instance, must have been the convention of the S. P. When perusing the proceedings, we find views expressed there by so-called Socialists, that are plain evidence of the false teachings of that party; and such delegates would simply be impossible in a convention of the S. L. P.

Of course I know it is an uphill road to travel, but I must say I would be sorry to be outside of the fight. It affords me an immense pleasure to prove to those of the bourgeois class whom I come almost daily in contact with, their ignorance on economic and political questions. And if the workingman raises himself by study upon a higher plane, it means immediate reward to him for his sacrifice and his class will gradually rise with him.

Although it is still the deplorable fact in the United States that the ranks of the Socialists are divided into warring factions, still I believe that this condition has been and is still a lesson to those who thought the course of the S. L. P. entirely wrong. The future will and must bring all true Socialists under one banner. While I hope to see that day soon, I still must pay my respects to all those comrades who have during all this time remained true to the flag of the S. L. P.

While clasping your hands I call out to you: Courage, comrades, victory must be on our side, for truth and justice will finally prevail.

Paul Kretlow.

## SCENES AT LUDLOW.

**Evictions and Brutal Force Fail to Shake Courageous Strikers' Spirit.**

Holyoke, Mass., December 4.—A dramatic scene from the great class struggle of our time is just now being presented to the people of Massachusetts.

Women sentinels are posted on street corners and before public places guarding little iron pots suspended from a tripod over which is posted a placard—"Help the Women and Children of Ludlow."

Why do these women and children need such urgent help in such an unusual way? Because the beast Capital has let itself loose in all its ugliness. Men, women and children have been turned out of their tenements, and with their household goods thrown into the street by a manufacturing company of Ludlow, because they requested a slight increase in wages.

The company claimed it was "unable to pay" the increase, but has ample funds to hire Pinkerton thugs at \$4 a day and special policemen in great numbers. They fixed up wagons for police service and made their office a war headquarters from which to crush by brute force the workers who dared ask for an increase in pay and stopped work when it was refused.

The 500 strikers on the other hand have shown a heroism almost unimaginable. They have coolly submitted to these outrages rather than allow themselves to be shot down by the company hirelings as was intended. Hence the little iron pots guarded by these women sentinels are filling rapidly every day, and many a look of admiration and sympathy is bestowed upon these brave women. They are all Polish, and few speak good English, but there are no signs of race discrimination—a splendid lesson to the A. F. of L. and S. P. ignoramus who are trying so hard to raise prejudice on that score.

To Socialists it is a sign of the times and proves the presence of that sympathetic cord among the people which is necessary to bind together the working class in its struggle against the unholy monster—Capitalism.

M. Ruth.

When you have read this paper, pass it on to a friend.

## THE SWEDISH GENERAL STRIKE

**A RESUME OF THE GAINS AND LOSSES—WORKERS DEMONSTRATE AND REFUSE TO BE COWED.**

By Hjalmar Branting.

(Translated by Olive M. Johnson.)

The Swedish Industrial Workers are coming out of their gigantic conflict with unbroken strength for the continuation of the struggle onward and upward, and with greatly increased class-solidarity.

It is true that the workers have been given deep wounds, which show how hard and desperate the gigantic clash of arms really was. It is also probable that we will not be able, in spite of the heroic attempts that have been made, to make the terms of peace as favorable as one might have hoped. But the workers carry home from the battlefield the proud consciousness that they have, in a remarkable manner, stood the test in a remarkable battle.

The solidarity and model discipline of which the workers of Sweden have given proof during the General Strike has, it is true, not weighed much before the exalted judgment of the Swedish bourgeoisie, including the "Liberals." But as a recompense, the workers' manner of carrying on this fight has forced the whole world outside of Sweden, and even the opponents of the working class, to wonder and to admiration. The comrades in all lands where internationalism is more than a theory, more than congresses and banquets, have expressed this feeling in action which has spoken louder than words. In solid columns, accordingly, with organizations that are starved out, instead of crushed and shattered, as the enemy had hoped, the labor army returns from the battlefield, where, with imposing battle array and long and well-conducted defence, it has given its overbearing opponents a lesson in the consequences of general lockouts, a contest that surely is not lost upon employers nor upon society. In this case the General Strike will have fulfilled its principal mission, namely, to have made the General Lockout an impossibility for all time to come.

With the lockout as a club the employers imagined themselves capable of battering down all opposition, and of re-erecting against the organized working class the old time absolute power of the employer, but in a new and much more powerful form. This dream of absolute class-power that threatened to become a reality, is now, we have the right to hope, forever shattered, strangled by the giant's effort of the General Strike. The workers have broken loose from the iron grasp of the lockout. That this has taken place is the great standing gain of the big conflict, which the "Liberals" wisecracks prophesied could lead the workers only to a Poltava or a Waterloo. What absurd comparisons. With both these names are coupled the memory of how the demands of past ages had to give way for new and living realities. The conquering power of Sweden had to give way before the Russian tidal wave; French predominance in Europe could not exist after the bourgeois revolution had gained a foothold in the various countries and Napoleon had become an enemy instead of an aid to freedom and independence. The Swedish General Strike on the other hand—it has been said so often to consciously deaf ears—was a battle of defense for the once conceded right of the workers to a voice in determining the conditions of work, a demand that lies so obviously in the direct line of evolution that it is scarcely openly disputed any more, even by the employing army's most rabid press Cossacks. If this demand is defeated to-day, it may for the moment be possible to push the workers aside in this particular respect, but in a few years the demand will be pushed to the fore again, strengthened by the bitterness of the transition period, and the war will flare up again until the employers shall be forced to submit. Absolute monarchy in Russia is apparently victorious over the Revolution, and the Duma is by the existing caste system made so tame and obedient that it gives the Czar's bureaucracy very little worry. But for all that there is no one who does not feel certain that the hour of Absolutism will strike even in Russia.

The absolute rule of the Swedish employers has still less hope of being even temporarily renewed. This power has once and for all been broken by the class-conscious organization of the Swedish working class. The stiff airs that the employers adopt now after the pressure of the General Strike in order to make the workers and the rest of society believe that they have suffered nothing from the strike is too evidently a pose for the galleries. When the figures of their losses are put upon the blackboard they will prove conclusively

that employers' absolutism is forever and ever past.

When we, therefore, cast a glance back over the great strike of 1909, by far the greatest event in the entire history of the Swedish labor movement, it can be done with the consciousness that the heavy sacrifices of the fight have not been made in vain, and that the triumphant songs of the enemy's press about "society's victory" do not concern the great causes for which the workers really fought.

It is true and the more is the pity that the workers, in spite of their heroic sacrifices, have not been able to bring their powerful opponent upon his knees. The powerful interests of capital were propped up and aided by the entire organized power of society and by the capitalist press, which made a united front against the workers and which carried with it small merchants and small farmers. All forces were accordingly arrayed against the workers, and the hope of an actual and undisputed victory has had to be postponed to some future day.

But the worker who knows anything about the history of his class knows too well that in the struggles with capital the great victories are very easily counted. Most struggles come to an end without a decision and many are actual defeats, yet the position of the workers becomes forever stronger and their power stronger and their power to push forward as a factor in society becomes ever more felt.

The worker who understands this will meet losses with bravery and not let his judgment be influenced by the yelping about the "defeat" which go up in chorus. Moreover, he will also turn a deaf ear to those direct capitalist servants who preach resignation and who sanctimoniously declare: "We say this for your own interest, workmen, don't try to raise your wages, you are getting weaker all the time." But just as little will he allow himself to be taken in by the real and true organizers of defeats, those who thoughtlessly desire to meet the concentrated power of capital with the syndicalist's shattered ranks, and who, with religious reverence, swallow the paradox of the wild-eyed revolutionist: "The farther off in the clouds, the easier it is to reach!"

To both the capitalistic and anarchistic rantings—both with the evident interest of breaking up the Socialist Movement—the thinking worker will answer coolly and collectively that the General Strike has reached too deeply for its gains and losses to be read in the official peace-warrant—when it comes. What the workers have gained in greatly increased class-solidarity, in increased self-reliance, in a clearer insight into capitalist society, in rich experiences of all kinds—not the least how well they may depend upon certain "friends"—cannot be read in any official documents. But for the future class struggle it may well mean just that achievement of power which in prosperous times will spell victory. That a rich harvest of this kind of gain has been reaped is plain as daylight. Before we judge the General Strike we must therefore look further than the present for its results, both concerning the working class and society as a whole.

But the worker will also add that the choice this summer was not between General Strike and peace; but between General Strike and submission to the employers' demands. And it will therefore be to the everlasting honor of the Swedish Labor Movement that in this choice it never hesitated, but accepted battle even at the risk of losses and defeats rather than meekly bend its neck to the yoke. Losses can be made up again; defeats can be made good by victories, but if slavishness had set its stamp upon our act, then we would have been forever doomed to meekness. It does no good after it is over to bewail what the struggle has cost us in sacrifice and suffering. We were attacked and we have shown for all time that against such attacks the Swedish worker will defend himself.

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**Unequal Distribution of Wealth Increases Ranks.**

Prof. William B. Guthrie of the Department of Economics of the College of the City of New York said in an address on Nov. 26 that high rents were forcing a large percentage of the lower classes each year into what economists have described as the seriously underferd class. He was speaking under the auspices of the Men's Club of the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, at 153rd street and Amsterdam avenue. He declared that there was only too much truth in the statement made by Socialist thinkers that the unequal distribution from production and the means of production was largely responsible for present conditions.

"I cannot conceive," said the speaker, "of anything more unfortunate than a nation composed of a few billionaires and a great mass of paupers."

The price of meat has become so high he said, that certain cuts of steak were selling for 67 cents a pound.

Constant Rise of Prices.

Since 1895, he asserted, there has been a constant increase in the cost of necessities without a corresponding increase in the income of the great mass of consumers, such as should accompany a normal rise in the price scale. "The only conclusion possible, therefore, is that someone is getting the 'rake-off.'"

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mean anything, he said, to the man whose income was \$100,000, but to the family whose income was from \$400 to \$500 a year it was serious.

Of a number of families of the latter class, who had been the subject of investigation, it was found that 76 per cent. belonged to the seriously underferd class in society. The increase in rents in recent years had resulted in forcing families, whose incomes ranged as high as \$800 into the seriously underferd class. This, Prof. Guthrie said, meant a sacrifice of morality, health, efficiency, and sanity.

**SOONER FIGHT THAN PROTECT EMPLOYEES.**

Hartford, November 26.—Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations, cited last night in a lecture here the Cherry, Ill., mine disaster to illustrate the deficiency of the laws to protect workmen and urge their reform. He said employers as a rule thought it cheaper to fight claims for accidents than to adopt preventives, and he doubted whether any of the Cherry miners would recover from the employers.

Germany and England have infinitely better laws than has this country for the protection of workmen, said Smith. He added that the Federal Government had established a fund for civil service employees engaged in hazardous occupations such as working on the Panama Canal, and contrasted with this Federal action the failure of State governments,

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## LOT OF WORDS

From the Lips of a Don Quixotic Preacher Who Says Some Things Correctly but Others Incorrectly.

Plainfield, N. J., December 1.—Christian Socialism received a few well-put broadsides Monday at the fifth meeting of the Monday Afternoon Club of Plainfield, N. J. The gunner was the Rev. Charles Stelale, who discoursed on "Why the Church Cannot Accept and Advocate Socialism."

Those faddists, whose minds are of such broad compass that they trace the birth of Socialism to Christ, our friends of the S. P. who blindly enwrap themselves in the spider meshes of the A. F. of L., those misguided Christian ministers, who, believing they understand Socialism, seek to foist it upon the church, and those of the clergy, who would make their creeds answer as man's guide for social and economic betterment, were all given a drubbing. And the points were delivered with a zest which betokened the speaker's sincerity.

To all of his remarks touching the church, I can utter but a fervent "Amen." But his conception of Socialism beats me. He seems to have a fair grasp of our aims, but is apparently guided in his appreciation of them, and of our methods also, by the bog-wash of so-called Socialist literature which emanates from the added pages of the gentlemen enumerated above. When I pinned him on to naming his authorities, he said that while in Minneapolis he had read all the works on Socialism in the public library there. In answer to another question—"Yes, I've read Marx's Capital." That he considers Marx no authority is demonstrated by what he said in the course of his lecture, which lecture satisfied me that the Rev. Stelale is a churchman who sees the impending danger to his church and would avert it by doing the impossible—remedy the evils of the present social system (with which he is fully acquainted) by religious methods.

In opening his lecture, he said that "Socialism is a bad, hard to define on account of the different views advanced." He claimed that "There is a social question; an important one; it is a half-truth by saying, 'It is one of distribution.'" He admitted that the American mechanic produced more but was more poorly paid than those of other nations. He did not tell us the why and the wherefore of this condition, but advised the settlement of "all industrial disputes by arbitration." He lauded labor unions, notably the A. F. of L., and claimed that they would eventually succeed in their endeavors. Then he showed his acquaintance with Marx by saying that the Social Question was concerned more actually with "the tenement-house dwellers in our large cities." "These people demand justice and are entitled to it." He then touched on child labor, responsibility for which he boldly charged up to the employing classes.

Continuing, he said that among the various reform movements "Socialism is one of the most important." He stated correctly that municipal ownership, governmental control of post offices, etc., were not Socialism. His definition would be: "Ownership by the people of all means of production, distribution and exchange," which is a much clearer definition than the one given by Mr. Hillquit when he appeared before this club: "Socialism is a reform which seeks to gain control of the principal industries for the benefit of the whole people."

He then called into those "Socialists" who would wheedle the church into taking up the cause of Socialism. He ably ridiculed all of their pretensions as to the benefits, etc., the espousal of Socialism would confer on the church. He showed that Christ was not, as claimed, a Socialist; that the early Christian church was Communist; but that this economic feature had been a dismal failure. He claimed that the mission of the church was foreign to political or economic issues, its mission being solely religious. As proof, he cited the split caused in the M. E. Church in this country by the question of chattel slavery—a split as yet unhealed, leaving a few minor details, this portion of his remarks was very acceptable to me. He placed Socialism and the Church distinctly apart; he upheld the right of church members to be Socialists, even Anarchists; but he denied them the privilege of initiating "isms" upon the church. He then dwelt upon the "insignificance of the Socialist movement in this country," showed how its vote was falling away; said that he had returned from the A. F. of L. con-

vention; that "after years of endeavor the Socialists at that convention numbered twenty." "More Socialists can be found in the average theological seminary than on the executive board of the A. F. of L.," which in his estimation proved that the "American workmen do not want Socialism." "Socialism in Germany is not the same as in America; it is there a people's movement." Now mark you: "I am in favor of it." From which, one may conclude, that when Socialism becomes popular in this country, the Rev. Stelale will then be willing to carry the banner. In the meantime, it all goes to prove that the Rev. knows exactly where he's at when it comes to economics.

The Rev. Stelale is probably endowed with the gift of prophecy. "As Socialists continue their protests and their plans are formulated, some existing political party will appropriate them; probably the Republican." On top of this he added, "Socialism as such, will never swing this country politically."

Reverting to the church, he claimed that its mission was not to secure the attendance of the crowds promised by Socialists if the church took up their aims. He said "its chief business is to preach the truth as it sees it." What he meant by the IT he failed to tell us. "Ministers have not filled their churches." The speaker claimed that workingmen do not care very much about social problems; "they are not even interested in their unions." "The greatest of labor meetings are being held under church auspices." A little tooting of one's own horn is permissible and the Rev. here availed himself of that privilege. He recited some of his experiences in his special field—doing labor work for the church.

As is usually the case, with our opponents, they expose the poverty of their cartridge belts by bringing out old empty shells. Of course, the speaker was no exception to the rule. "The man who makes work for 10,000 men is a greater benefactor than the man who gives \$10,000,000 to charity." "Before you can have an ideal social system, you must have ideal men." "What a man is within will determine his destiny."

Then back to the church he went. "The business of the church and of ministers is to preach the fundamental doctrines of Christ and apply them to twentieth century conditions." Another hop: "It has not yet been proven that Socialism will bring about the Golden Age for which all men are looking." "Socialists do not know what Socialism is and until they agree they have no right to ask the church to adopt it." "The labor question will not be settled until the last day's labor is done."

Now for one of his "jokes." Speaking on the supposed claim that Socialism would accomplish so much more than the church has done, he urged the Socialists to "establish their ideals on some cannibal island" to show to the world the validity of their claims. Yes, the speaker may have read Socialist writings; but his deductions therefrom are on a par with the knowledge acquired by the monkey when he gets hold of his master's razor and endeavors to shave.

I could use up several columns by keeping on, for I've not exhausted more than half my notes. To continue would be to reiterate under other forms what I have already written. The Rev. is a rapid speaker and in the one and one-quarter hours of his talk he gave utterance to a LOT of WORDS from which I submit the "pearls of priceless value."

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## SOCIALISM

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I am often asked the question, "If Socialism is such a good thing as you claim it is, why is it that not more people embrace the faith? Surely we can't all be so dense as not to see a good thing."

To answer that question correctly, two leading facts have to be considered. First, Socialism bases its existence upon a contrary morale to that of capitalism. Under capitalism we are taught that every man is an independent atom in society. That he is individually responsible for his success or failure in life.

This moral is dinned into the children at school; is dinned into our ears by the press, the pulpit and the politician. We are told that individuality is the honor and life of citizenship. Every one for himself and the devil take the hindmost, is the inelegant, but truthful expression of capitalism.

Socialism sets up the contrary morale, that better results can be gained for the individual by doing jointly that which can best be done jointly. This strikes the average man as being contrary to what he has been taught to believe, and he feels like the man who for the first time in his life looks through a camera. Everything is upside down, water runs up hill and people walk with feet in the air. Of course that does not make it so because the camera makes it appear that way. The photographer has to adapt his eyes to the eye of the camera and everything straightens out all right. To understand Socialism the student has to adapt his reasoning to the Socialist way of looking at facts.

Second. When Socialism first became a public suggestion in Germany, it was advocated by the brainiest men of that time. Karl Marx, a highly cultured man, had made it a life's study and spent a fortune in his researches for the necessary facts. Frederick Engels, likewise an intellectual giant, assisted Marx, in the spreading of the Socialist theory throughout the world. Ferdinand Lassalle, the ablest lawyer of Prussia, and of rare literary talent, gifted with wonderful power of speech, organized the German workmen into a labor party and gained for them the voting franchise.

This party attracted the best and brightest men in Germany and they were elected in great numbers to the Reichstag, the state diets and municipalities. Men like Liebknecht, Bebel, Singer, etc., have attained honorable, world-wide reputations in connection with their advocacy of Socialism. In America, the Socialist movement was first sponsored by intellectual dwarfs and men ignorant of American history and conditions and consequently the movement at the first assumed a dwarfish, freakish aspect, the laughing stock of humorists. In New York, men like Justus Schwab, a saloonkeeper, were shining lights. In Chicago, the "Socialists" formed militia companies, equipped with guns, to fight for Socialism. In Philadelphia, a German daily paper advocating Socialism regularly sold the German voters to the old parties. In New Haven, P. J. Maguire, a cabinet maker, on the public green in 1877 threatened to lay New Haven in ashes if the capitalists failed to be good.

"Socialist" colonies were started in Thomaston, Maine; in Roskin, Tenn.; in Alabama, California and even our good friend Eugene V. Debs proposed not many years ago to establish a Socialist paradise in Oregon.

These early "Socialists" realized that they would never amount to anything unless the movement became native. So they clung on to anything new like a batch of devil lice. They hung on to the skirts of the Greenback party, the Knights of Labor, the Populist party, the Henry George party and lately the Trades unions.

In 1884 Edward Bellamy, with his book "Looking Backward" rejuvenated American Socialism and removed much prejudice from it. A new party—the Nationalist party, was started to die soon after. In 1890, the present Socialist Labor Party was launched and persistently shook off the devil lice from its body. This cleaning process has hampered its progress and caused no end of hard feeling on the part of the freks and frauds who vainly strive to hang on the infant giant. That in part explains why many who ought to be Socialists are holding back.—M. Rutherford, in Holyoke Transcript.

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## POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Great "Welfare" System of Sick and Coffin Benefits—Workers Sign Away Their Rights to Become Eligible.

There is a great deal in the air just now about "welfare work." One large employing concern after another is taking it up, and in magazines, Sunday School papers and from the lecture platform we hear and see the news of its "huge success."

Ere we join the chorus, let us look about a bit. Eyes were made to look with.

The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company having been sadly jolted by a little strike in its offices a couple of years ago, has gone into the welfare business with a vengeance. It has organized a Postal Telegraph Employees' Association, a sort of sick and coffin affair a la the A. F. of L.

To begin with the sticky end of the stick first, here is its alleged schedule of sick benefits, revised for 1909:

Length of Continuous Service, Years.	Percentage of Salary at Time of Incapacity Payable During Incapacity, Per Cent.	Limit of Period During Which Benefits Are Payable.
1	12	6 months
2	15	18 "
3	17	30 "
4	18	4 years
5	19	5 "
6	20	6 "
7	22	7 "
8	24	8 "
9	26	9 "
10	28	10 "
11	30	11 "
12	32	12 "
13	34	13 "
14	36	14 "
15	38	15 "
16	40	16 "
17	42	17 "
18	44	18 "
19	46	19 "
20	50	20 "
21	50	20 "
22	50	20 "
23	50	20 "
24	50	20 "
25 and over	50	for life

The coffin benefits are declared to run from \$50 to \$200 for those who carry at least \$500 life insurance. Those who carry less than \$500, or none, can get coffin money only by special plea to the general manager. Why? Is it because a wage-earner who doesn't feel bound down to a job by the necessity of paying life insurance premiums is likely to be too "independent"?

However that may be, this sick and death benefit is the bait conspicuously dangled before the nose of the Postal employee. What the hook is, begins to appear from the Announcement issued just after the 1907 strike. It reads, in part:

"The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, appreciative of the loyal spirit displayed by the employees who remained faithful and by those who came to its aid when so many old employees abandoned their duties, believes that this loyal spirit may be strengthened by association for maintaining good relations between the company and its employees and the prevention of such movements as culminated in the occurrences of last August, and has therefore, in conjunction with its employees, decided to form an association of those employees who have faith in the disposition of the company to deal equitably with them, who are opposed to strikes, commotions, or coercive measures, and who recognize the plain truth that their prosperity is bound up in the prosperity of the company. Such an association will be called the Postal Telegraph Employees Association, and its object will be to secure to the company a loyal working force and to its members employment undisturbed by factions seeking to coerce or embarrass or harass the company or its employees; and its further object will be to render financial aid to its employees when sick or disabled, and also in case of death."

"Clarence H. Mackay, President." "Opposition to strikes," belief in the lie that the prosperity of the wage-slave "is bound up in the prosperity of the company," such are the barbs of the hook concealed in the tempting bait of a few dollars' sick or coffin benefit. But the shank of the hook is in keeping with the barbs.

In order to become a member of the company association and be entitled to its pill money, the employees must first sign an application, which is to be passed

## THE "GOLDEN FLOOD"

WHY WAGES HAVE ACTUALLY FALLEN, ALTHOUGH THEIR FACE VALUE APPARENTLY HAS REMAINED THE SAME.

In a recent article in which a number of valuable kernels of fact are buried under a bushel of bourgeois chaff, Frank Fayant, writing in the N.Y. Times, shows the connection between the soaring cost of living, and the large output of gold. Since the present century began, he says, the world has produced more gold than in the three and a half centuries from the discovery of gold in California.

Spain's intrepid adventures, in the whole of the wonderful sixteenth century's conquest of the wealth of the New World, did not find as much gold as the world's mines will give up this year—\$440,000,000.

The United States, since '49, has produced \$3,000,000,000 new gold; Australia, since 1851, \$2,800,000,000; the Transvaal, since 1887, \$1,100,000,000—seven billions from these three new sources—three times the world's production in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries combined.

Nine-tenths of the gold of the nineteenth century was mined in the last half. In the past two years more gold has been mined than in the first fifty years of the last century.

Since '96 the world's stock of gold money has been expanded from \$4,400,000,000 to \$7,500,000,000.

### GOLD PRODUCTION SINCE 1492.

Sixteenth century	\$500,000,000
Seventeenth century	600,000,000
Eighteenth century	1,270,000,000
Nineteenth century	7,700,000,000
First half	790,000,000
Second half	6,910,000,000
1851-1890	4,810,000,000
1890-1895	814,000,000
1896-1900	1,285,000,000
Twentieth century—	
1901-1905	1,611,000,000
1906-1910	2,100,000,000

Total 1492-1909 .....\$13,775,000,000

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	Since	
Africa	1887	\$1,160,000,000
United States	1792	3,140,000,000
Australasia	1851	2,770,000,000
Russia	1814	1,150,000,000
Mexico	1521	360,000,000
British India	1884	148,000,000
Canada	1853	267,000,000
Austria-Hungary	1493	78,000,000
Brazil	1691	730,000,000
Colombia	1537	900,000,000
Chile	1545	35,000,000
Peru	1533	200,000,000
Bolivia	1545	200,000,000

Nearly a third of all the gold of the

past sixty years has come from the mines of this country, and there is more gold in the world to-day than was dug out of American mines than from any other part of the earth. But the volume of the flow of new gold from America is now greatly exceeded by the output of the Transvaal. Since the Boer War the South African mines have been pouring out the yellow metal at a rapidly accelerating rate.

Such are the phenomena of the increasing flood of gold. What are the effects on the world's life, and what has the future in store?

Gold is declining in value. This depreciation in gold is an economic force of incalculable power. A sudden increase in the supply of any commodity tends to lower its price. Copper just now is a striking example. Because of the sudden increase in the American output through the development of low-grade deposits, copper sags while iron and other commodities are rising rapidly. Cotton is advancing because of a decreased supply. Gold has been declining for more than ten years because of the enormous increase in the output.

The fall of gold is measured by the rise in prices or the things that gold buys. If, ten years ago, you had sold for \$1,000 gold an assortment of the leading articles of consumption, from pig-iron to shoe leather, and to-day went into the market to repurchase with this same gold this same list of commodities, you would find that gold would buy only two-thirds the quantity it did ten years ago. The purchasing power of gold, since '98, has declined a third, and this measures its depreciation in value. In periods of a decreased gold supply, like the early part of the nineteenth century, and the years following the panic of '73, gold appreciates in value, and exchanges for a larger quantity of other commodities.

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Grief has measures  
Soft as pleasure's,  
Fear has moods that hope lies deep in,  
Songs to sing him  
Dreams to bring him  
And a red-rose bed to sleep in.  
—SWINBURNE.

## THE BRITISH CRISIS.

With awe-inspiring solemnity and the fit setting of "persees," many in evening dress and blazing with jewels, the British House of Peers took on November 30 a leap, avowedly revolutionary, by rejecting the budget, and thereby compelling an appeal to the electorate, nominally on the budget itself, in point of fact upon the still lingering feudal prerogatives which the Lords hold.

When Prerogative acts revolutionarily the aim is Reaction.

Is the Lords' act an instance of the blind laughter that precedes a fall? Or is it an evidence of thorough grasp of a situation, and conscious ascendancy?

Long has British Lordshipness, the material beneficiary of the "double House" parliamentary system, prided itself on its system's "glory"; long has a parrot world, British and non-British, parroted the glorification, and, attributing creative power to matters of form, aped the "double House" system.

The "double House" system must go. Its demise is in the cards of social evolution. Originally the sole source of legislation, a second, or "Lower" House was a concession democracyward made by the one-time sole, and subsequent "Upper House." The logic of events points, in such instances, to the eventual casting off of the Concessor—as inevitably as the Crown's, the original Concessor's doom is sealed. Civilized society draws upon itself for the governmental, or administrative powers, that it requires. Civilized society, accordingly, needs no Concessor. So long as in society there is Concessor and Concessee, a conflict rages between the two—the former to recover its concession, the latter to cast the Concessor off. The conflict is long; the ups and downs many.

Long has it been maintained in behalf of the British people that a revolution is peacefully shaping within the womb of the commonweal, and, when ripe, will as peacefully be accomplished. The first step in that direction has long been heralded as the ending of the House of Lords.

Is the world at the threshold of such an inspiring spectacle?

The "Lower" House has done its part well. The "Upper" House has not been found wanting: with 350 votes to 75 it joined issue, squarely.

"He Rhodus, his salts!"—such is the classic call of Social Evolution upon the British electorate. Or, in the vernacular—"Now, toe the chalk mark, and show your mettle!"

## HOBBYISTS, BOTH.

In the same issue of "The Call," last November 20, in which Mr. Algernon Lee, a pure and simple politician, declares "if we do not care for votes we would be fools to make nominations," Mr. Louis Duchez, a pure and simple physical forist, rushes forth with the complementary theory that "no political party can be a revolutionary movement of the working class"; and, reversely, in the same issue of "The Call" in which the pure and simple physical forist Duchez denies revolutionary capabilities to a political party, the pure and simple politician Lee jumps up with, "Me too." The performance is legitimate enough. However divergent, in seeming, the manifestations of pure and simpledom may be, in essence they are identical. They draw their sap from the identical source.

The starting point common to both pure and simple forism, and pure and simple politicianism, is the incapacity to see in political action anything but the sting of a ballot.

Unable to see anything in political

action but the ballot, the pure and simple politician naturally strains to get as many of these as possible. By the mental process well known to psychology, according to which means, excessively strained after, unavoidably become ends in themselves, and thereby defeat their own purpose, the pure and simple politician, in straining excessively after ballots, they being all he can see in political action, presently sacrifices everything to the ballot. The ballot becomes the end; to get that, principle gradually goes by the board. The final consequence is disastrous to a revolutionary Movement. When a revolutionary Movement mistakes the means for the goal it lands flat on its back, with neither goal attained, nor the means to console it—as the S. P. is experiencing, with its collapsed vote and its goal so wholly lost sight of that the party does not know where it is at.

Inversely it is the same with the pure and simple physical forist. Unable to see anything in political action but the ballot, and realizing the weakness of that, the pure and simple physical forist washes out the bath with the baby; he rejects political action altogether, and thereby strangles his own revolutionary capabilities.

The ballot is the least important feature of political action. THE feature of political action is that it and it alone can preach the revolution openly, over and above board; as a consequence, THE feature of political action is that it is indispensable for the agitation and education requisite for the recruiting of the revolutionary economic organization, without which the revolutionary act is impossible. That feature of political action being attended to, the ballot becomes of secondary importance.

Of this neither the pure and simple physical forist nor the pure and simple politician has the remotest inkling. Nor can they. Hobbyists are lopsided lamplings.

## LYMAN ABBOTT'S SCRAWNY TRINITY.

The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott spoke to the students of Yale College on the 28th of last month. His subject was Socialism: his object was to demolish Socialism.

The Reverend Doctor's method was correct. Most assailers of Socialism assail the Socialist program in and of itself. Such a method is incorrect. It leaves the mind in confusion. Dr. Abbott aims at more practical results. As a consequence, he finds it necessary to describe things as they are now, and contrast that with things as they would be under Socialism. The method is eminently practical—provided the contrast place Socialism at a disadvantage. But here is where fatality pursues the "advocate Diaboli" (Devil's advocate.) In order to contrast devilry favorably with anti-devilry, the advocate must render cult to falsehood. That is the fix in which the Reverend Doctor put himself in. In order to contrast the devilry of Capitalism with the anti-devilry of Socialism Dr. Abbott is forced to set up a Scrawny Trinity to which he is burning incense.

The first unit of Dr. Abbott's new Trinity is: "Under existing conditions if a man is dissatisfied with his work he can seek another employer; under Socialism he would have to work under the same employer, the Government." The first part of the thesis is false. The true thesis would be: "Under existing conditions, if a man is dissatisfied with his work he imagines, thanks to the mirage that Capitalism keeps before his eyes; that he can seek and find another employer, when the fact is that, whichever way he turns, the employer is the same, the Capitalist Class, which exploits him in one shop exactly as it does in all others; under Socialism, even though the employer be the Government, and, therefore, the same, in so far as a change of employers is concerned, the worker would be no better off, and no worse. Nevertheless, seeing that, under existing conditions, the ubiquitous capitalist employer is a private Government in whose election the worker has no hand, whereas, under Socialism, the ubiquitous employer is a popular Government, which rests in the hollow of the workers' hands, it follows that, under existing conditions, the worker is a serf; under Socialism he is a free man working for himself."

The second unit of Dr. Abbott's new Trinity is: "In this country [that is, under existing conditions] one half of the people own their homes." Even if this unit of the Dr.'s new Trinity were correct, then his Trinity must be a sort of Gog and Magog affair, that feeds upon its own children. Why should one half of the people not own their homes in a country where wealth abounds? The fact is this unit also is false. Things are even worse. According to the Census of 1900, 7,259,362 homes are owned, and 8,365,739 homes are not owned. In other words, there are over a million unowned homes in excess of those that are owned. But not even these facts as yet state the case fully. Of the 7,259,362 homes that are owned more than one half, or

4,761,211 are encumbered. What that means need not be detailed. It is often worse than not to own the home. The usurer is a millstone around the necks of these homes. These homes are a "delusion of property" that crushes the "owners." Accordingly the fact is that, so far from even as few as one half the homes being owned, only 2,498,151 homes out of the 15,625,101 are owned.

Even scrawnier is the third unit of the Rev. Dr. Abbott's new Trinity. He says: "One fifth of our people have bank deposits." If so, then the Gog and Magog feature of capitalism would be exemplified still more crassly than in the instance of the "homes." Only one fifth of our population with reserve funds tells a vicious tale. Fact is the tale is even more vicious. The statement is purely imaginary.

Advocate Diaboli Rev. Dr. Abbott is worshipping at the shrine of the scrawniest of Trinities.

## "DISEMBOWELING" LABOR.

Tom Watson's "The Jeffersonian" lets up a moment in its November 25th issue on "that filthy, pernicious book, Bebel's Woman Under Socialism," to take a fall out of the workingman. The trick is attempted by an attempted parallel between the "blacklist" and the "boycott."

"The Jeffersonian" reasons as follows: "What is the blacklist? The corporation gets a grudge against you and discharges you; it does not want you to get another job; it, therefore, follows you up; and, if you obtain another position, it notifies the employing corporation that you are on their blacklist,—that you are a dangerous man and ought to be discharged. You are, accordingly, fired. You go to another corporation and get another job. By the same process you are fired again. This happens to you again and again, until you are finally convinced that they are all dead against you, and that you can not get work anywhere." Having described the blacklist in that way, "The Jeffersonian" proceeds to describe the boycott as a process in which the Union treats a corporation in the way the corporation treated the workman, until the corporation can not manufacture and sell goods. And the paper concludes from this that "there is not the least bit of difference in the principle of the thing"; "The blacklist is simply the corporation's method of boycotting the undesirable workman," while the boycott is simply the workman's method of blacklisting the corporation.

The presentation of the case is structurally false, because essentially defective.

"The Jeffersonian" omits important features of the blacklist, features without which the process of the blacklist could not be set in motion. The blacklist is a sentence, pronounced upon a workman by a court in the electing of which the workman had no hand, and after a trial in which he was not present, and at which he was not confronted by the witnesses against him. Moreover, in order for such a court to exercise its blacklisting functions the condemned man must be a helpless being by reason of his being plundered of the fruit of his labor by the very court that passes sentence upon him. The boycott, on the contrary, is not a final affair. It is an incident in a struggle. It is a move that contemplates negotiations, treaty and settlement. The blacklist is a sentence of punishment; the boycott is a manoeuvre for redress. The blacklist is final; the boycott temporary. The blacklist is an act of persecution; the boycott a measure of war.

When a populist employer of labor pretends that the boycott, set in motion against his class by its employees, is exactly like the blacklist inflicted by his class upon a workman, we but have a latter day explanation of the correct instinct that kept the working class from taking stock in populist professions of love and affection for Labor. When, moreover, a paper that names itself after Jefferson is seen justifying the blacklist by paralleling it with the boycott, we have a prime illustration of the hypocritical pretensions of the bourgeois to Jefferson as their patron saint.

## BUSINESS.

"To write a poem  
On the Oil of Bob  
Is something of a job,"

wrote one of Poe's characters. One who would write upon modern business finds himself in somewhat of the same fix. Where shall he begin? Shall he begin with the just-bared Olive-oil frauds, wherein olive oil was mixed with sediment to discolor it; declare it "unfit for human use" to escape the 40 per cent. duty, and then cleared, mixed ten parts of itself with ninety parts cottonseed oil, and sold as the finest grade table product? Or shall he begin with the Sugar frauds wherein in the government was swindled of millions by a little steel wire in the scale-attachment, under the patronage. It is declared, of high officials in the treasury? Shall he take up first the Standard Oil, which has just been ad-

judged a criminal combination in restraint of trade, and is now laughing at the order to dissolve, seeing it can nominally disband and yet control trade just as well by "gentlemen's agreements"? Or shall he turn his attention upon the Tobacco trust, which had the same sentence of criminality and mandate to disperse served upon it two years ago, and still is serenely bobbing along in the same old criminal way? Whichever direction one turns, business presents itself to view as a mass honeycombed with dishonesty and corruption, even when judged by its own law, which takes no account at all of its biggest crime, its robbery of the working class.

It is useless to speak of the "good," the "honest" part of a cancer. There is only one thing to do with a cancer, and that is cut it out. There is just one thing to go with business, and that is cut it out. For it is no more necessary to the industrial life of the nation than a flourishing sarcoma is to a man; and just as dangerous.

The business man, whether in the manufacturing or commercial line, is not an alder in, but a parasite upon, production. As well say Captain Kidd assisted in industry, as say the modern business man does. His own interests, not society's, are what he is there to cultivate. If his interests run parallel with society's, society may thank its stars. If his interests run counter to society's, society suffers for it. If society wants something, and no capitalist finds its production profitable, society goes without. If some capitalist thinks there is a profit to be made in something, and society does not want it, he sends out his agents, drummers, consuls or missionaries to create the demand; and when the demand is created, and society demands an increase in wages in order to buy, he berates it for its "extravagance," and for "wanting to live better than Queen Elizabeth." His goods may be absolutely useless to society, as shoddy clothing and paper-soled shoes, or even positively harmful, as dime novels and tobacco; yet if he can squeeze a profit out of them he will keep on turning them out.

Doubtless some men of business do seem to be performing useful service for society in their business activities. These are only the second raters. The big fellows, the business men par excellence, never do. And even with the second raters, it is seeming only. They appear to aid in production or distribution. But it is only socially necessary labor that is of value to society. For the same reason that a man who would weave cloth to-day on a hand loom is not usefully producing but merely wasting time, so the total mass of modern competitive, cut-throat, cheating, government-debauching business is not of use, but of absolute detriment to society. It means mouths eating out of the total store who have put nothing in.

But what can be expected of business, when it is founded on the robbery of the worker of four-fifths of his product? Nothing, except that it ripen itself to the point of undeniable maturity for exelation, and thus clear the way for the co-operative republic.

## CHANCE FOR ECONOMISTS

Who Preach on How to Get Along on 13 Cents Per Day.

There is one young man whom the preachers on how to live on 13 cents a day might help along in his predicament. This man finds he can't live on \$18,000 a year, \$346.15 a week, \$50 a day. Burnett Young Tiffany, the complainant in question, son of the late Charles L. Tiffany, says it is beggary. He doesn't add in the new duty on champagne, either, as an argument, for he has, he says, reformed and has not even dropped the water wagon whip.

His father left him the papper portion of \$5,000 a year, with a proviso that the executors might add \$15,000 to this if the young man's habits improved. When he climbed on the water cart the executors complied with the will.

But the young man avers in a petition to the Supreme Court, in which he seeks to break the will, that he just can't live on this allowance.

He says the other heirs are trying to keep him down that they may profit from the income withheld from him. Louis C. and Mrs. Annie Tiffany Mitchell, brother and sister, are contesting his suit.

## Pinkertons to Break W. F. M. Strike.

Lead, S. D., November 30.—James Kirwan, president of the Western Federation of Miners, last night received a telegram from the national president, Moyer, at Denver, saying that seventy-five Pinkerton detectives were on their way to Lead in connection with the strike in the Homestead plant.

## A CORRESPONDENCE

## S. L. P. MAN KNOCKS OUT S. P. EDITOR IN THREE ROUNDS.

Letter No. 1.  
Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 18, 1909.  
Mr. Maynard Shipley,  
Editor Oakland World:

In your issue of October 16, 1909, you claim that the S. L. P. or members of the S. L. P. in "Frisco published 'The Socialist Bulletin' under the name of the Socialist Party Boosting Club. I would like to ask you to publish or write me the proof you have to that effect, mere assertion only clouds the issue and leads to billingsgate. As a member of the S. L. P. and reader of your paper I would like to see your proof. The least a Socialist can do is to prove his assertions against other Socialists. I hope to hear from you in your next issue or by return mail.

Respectfully,  
H. J. Schade.

620 W. 41 Pl.

Letter No. 2.  
THE WORLD.

Editorial Rooms, 704 27th Street.

Maynard Shipley, Editor,  
Mrs. Maynard Shipley,  
Associate Editor and Business Manager.

Oakland, Cal., October 21, 1909.

Dear Comrade Schade:—

Believing that you are honest in your question regarding the S. L. P. dope handed out in behalf of McCarthy in San Francisco, I beg to refer you to the "Bulletin" itself for "proof." Unless you have recently been roped into the S. L. P., you certainly ought to recognize the odor of an S. L. P. attack on Socialism. The De Leon tactics exude from every line of the traitorous sheet put forth to injure the cause of Socialism in San Francisco. Is it possible you do not recognize the S. L. P. phrases, point of view, and general nastiness?

In one sense, I'm glad to think that you need further proof: it shows that you don't know what kind of a party you've joined, what kind of tactics they habitually employ. Probably if you realized the impossibility of any honest, conscientious man getting along with, or supporting such a bunch, you'd pull loose, and get into the Socialist party, where you can be at once decent and revolutionary.

I can say these things with a good grace, seeing that I, myself, am in thorough harmony with the stand taken by the S. L. P. on immigration, the A. F. of L., industrial unionism, and the entire economic and political programme as taught by De Leon at his best. So long as this brilliant man sticks to political economy, his teachings are Marxian, and, therefore, correct from my point of view. But when it comes to the S. L. P. mode of attacking the S. P., unscrupulous as this method is, I beg to be excused. It seems that no method is too dirty or too mendacious, if it but seem to serve the immediate purpose of discrediting the S. P.

Nobody knows better than the S. L. P.ites of San Francisco that the S. P. is now organized in that city, and in Oakland, is lined up on the straight, revolutionary basis. Individual members there are, and will, doubtless for some time be, who have not yet grasped the true proletarian spirit of the Movement, and who do not really understand Marxian political economy. But what of that? Must we, therefore, with De Leon, advise the workers of S. F. to vote for McCarthy? And may we justly attribute to a present local mistake that were made by a former organization? Has not this element practically withdrawn from the local because it could not longer compromise the movement? De Leon knows all this.

Now comrade, I do not wish to have you think that I look upon all members of the S. L. P. as favoring unscrupulous methods of attack. No doubt many of you are honest in your methods. Those of you who ARE would better get into the regular S. P. organization, right away. If your intentions are good, and your economic views sound, the S. P. needs you. You can do no good as an S. L. P. man. I know of no good reason why one holding to strict Marxian views should not work WITHIN the regular party organization. We cannot expect all of our members to understand all at once just what to do next. The place to teach them is IN THE PARTY, not AGAINST it. FIGHT capitalism, TEACH Socialism. The S. L. P. does more back-biting of Socialists than fighting of capitalists. TEACH Socialists, FIGHT capitalists.

Yours for the industrial commonwealth,  
Maynard Shipley.

Letter No. 3.

L. A., Oct. 31, 1909.

Mr. Maynard Shipley,

Editor Oakland World,

Dear Sir:—I have read the Bulletin

you speak of but it seems your "suppositional motive," that you trace to the S. L. P. would lead just as logically to the Union Labor party or Socialist party members who are disgusted with your party and are supporting the U. L. P. I could not accept such reasoning as proof any more than I would accept such claims against the S. P. by the S. L. P. I thank you for the interest you gave my query, but I am not convinced of your position, and the "World" has dropped exceedingly in my estimation. It seems to me De Leon could, with more justification, accuse you of the things you accuse him. It seems characteristic of S. P. editors to blame De Leon for their own shortcomings. If you cannot adduce any better proof I can only consider your accusation wrong and unreasonable, to say the least. In my judgment you owe an apology to De Leon and the S. L. P.

Yours for the Revolution,  
H. J. Schade.

Letter No. 4.

Los Angeles, Nov. 25, 1909.  
Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Maynard Shipley,

As neither by letter or in your paper have you attempted to give one iota of evidence of your accusation against De Leon or the S. L. P. of "Frisco, I take it for granted you have no such proof, and knew you were misrepresenting the S. L. P. when you printed that choice bit of billingsgate. Now a San Francisco member (Mr. Burns) informed me that it was S. P. members who were opposed to you and the push in the "Frisco Local that issued the Bulletin and the S. L. P. had nothing to do with it. On the other hand your letter bristles with mendacious statements and inconsistencies.

The S. L. P. must denounce the S. P. because the S. P. organized against the S. L. P. and denounced us as union smashers, disrupters, popes, scabs, etc. Do you not expect us to strike back? Why do you denounce the Union Labor Party? Why don't you lay low as you did six years ago? If you believe as De Leon does, why don't you show the same courage instead of laying down to the shame of the Socialist party? When the Hanfords, Bergers, Barnes, Waylands, etc., were licking the boots of Gompers, De Leon, Kuhn and a few others stood up like brave men and fought the A. F. of L. It is not the S. L. P. that discredits the S. P., it is the S. P. which has made the Socialist Movement ridiculous and discredits itself. The S. L. P. has merely stated the facts, just as a paper records the antics of a drunken man or a foolish woman.

When you talk about one being roped into the S. L. P. you insult me, as I joined the S. L. P. long before your S. P. was heard of.

I believe contrary to you that I could do no good in the S. P. and a great deal of good in the S. L. P. In fact, your S. P. is now crumbling about your ears, and no later than last Sunday I heard one of your S. P. members wish your paper had slipped into the bay. Look at your S. P. in Washington, in Montana, Texas, Colorado; read the International Review. Only 2,565 against private ownership of land.

You S. P. editors are a queer specie. Like the barbarians who believed their dreams and fought the demons, you have nightmares about De Leon and then fight them as truisms. In New York he is "a German Government Spy," in Chicago he is "paid by the capitalist class," in Los Angeles a "Pinkerton," and in "Frisco he must be a Spiritualist, as he writes the Bulletin there while his actual body is in New York; and while you editors are having a spasm about De Leon, the slick ones of the Wilshire, Wayland, Hanford and Hayes type are living up on Easy Street. De Leon's methods may not be the best, but he never lays down to any capitalist, nor expedient, and as to back-biting of Socialists and not fighting the capitalists let me state that the fight is not so much against the capitalist as against the capitalist ideas and capitalist institutions among the workers; in other words, it is a conflict between the class-conscious and the class-unconscious workers, and since the last amendment to your Declaration of Principles the S. P. and the A. F. of L. belong on the class-unconscious side.

A party that cannot centralize its organization, and must have State Autonomy, that cannot own its own press, that cannot stand for Liberal Immigration, that stands for private ownership of land, for cheaper gas, land and mining schemes, might call itself a Socialist party, but it is only a rope of sand. The worst thing you can do with an S. P.



UNCLE SAM AND

BROTHER JONATHAN.

BROTHER JONATHAN—Damn those workmen. They are always striking. Always up to some mischief. First it was the steel car workers at McKees Rocks, now it's the shirtwaist makers, next it'll be the—

UNCLE SAM—Do you imagine they strike for the fun of it?

B. J.—It does look that way some times to me; although I know that they don't do it for the fun of it. The fools imagine they can gain by it.

U. S.—I admit they are often—

B. J.—Often! Usually, always in error.

U. S.—Even if they were so, the blame is not theirs.

B. J.—Whose is the blame? Mine, I suppose?

U. S.—Yours, sometimes. Others' other times. The blame, in short, lies primarily with your capitalists; if anybody is the fool it is you people; and if anybody is to be damned, it should be you the capitalists.

B. J.—Why, we do everything we can to prevent strikes.

U. S.—Sometimes you do, but sometimes you don't. You know well that when you want to break a contract, or when you want to stop work because your supply of goods is too large you simply instigate a strike. You get a labor fakir whom you keep in your pay to prod the men, and a strike follows. Whose is the blame?

B. J.—Well, that is an exceptional case. As a rule, it don't come that way.

U. S.—If it don't come that way exactly it comes virtually that way.

B. J.—All the other strikes proceed from the stupidity of the men.

U. S.—I have shown you, in the instances quoted, that the strike proceeded from you in fact. Now, take this other instance. You keep the labor fakir in your pay to prevent Socialist agitation from entering the union. Socialist agitation would teach the workers how little there is in strikes, "pure and simple." Being kept away from information, and by your doing, whose is the blame if your workers act ignorantly?

U. S.—turns B. J. around, grabs him by the collar and seat of his pants, and gives him a kick that sends him flying.

editor is to have him prove an assertion or stick to a fact. He is not trained that way; he wants to be all things to all men, except the S. L. P. man. There's the rub. If the S. L. P. remains quiet it is denounced as a dead dog; if it agitates for revolutionary Socialism it is a disruptor; if it demands proof as I did, he is a "roped in" dupe. If all the S. P. editors and writers would quietly retire to some quiet spot and there quietly study for about one year on Marxian economics, on anthropology, ethnology and kindred sciences, then study the Civic Federation and the experiences of the International Workingmen's Association, there would be no need of the International Review having such articles as "What's the Matter with the Socialist Party?" There would be no such abortion. The good element therein would join the S. L. P. and the grafters and riff-raff could organize consumers' leagues and consume each other.

De Leon's main work has been to put on foot a revolutionary economic organization that believed in political as well as economic action. The aim of the S. P. editors has been to boost the A. F. of L. Until the A. F. of L. turned on you then you squal.

Sir, I decline your invitation to join the S. P.

Yours for the S. L. P.  
H. J. Schade.

P. S.—In the very issue that you slander the S. L. P., you denounce the other eastern S. P. papers as "opportunistic reform elements." Now, don't get angry but take a serious view of this matter and if you have the courage of a Marxian come out above board for what you claim you believe.

Hasten the day of Freedom,  
H. J. Schade.

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## MORE S. P. POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—After a business meeting of the local Socialist party held here recently one of their members produced the nomination papers of an independent candidate for Mayor and requested signatures, and those members of the party attested by the city clerk signed it. Enclosed is the City Clerk's attestation. Muller and Regan were delegates to the last State convention of the Socialist party. The independent candidate is Theodore Temple.

W. F. Doyle.  
Marlboro, Mass., November 29.  
[The City Clerk's attestation of this fresh instance of S. P. corruption is in this office for international inspection.—ED. THE PEOPLE.]

## NO MORE "HARP."

To the Daily and Weekly People:—The November "Harp" informs me that there will be none in December nor thereafter. The "Harp" suspends publication in America, but says it will reappear in Ireland henceforth and forever. Whereupon my Muse lifts up her voice and sings:

The "Harp" that once through Cooper Square

The shriek of discord spread,  
Now lies all mute in Cooper Square.  
The movement eaved its head,  
So ends the game of fakes and frauds,  
Their hopes for lucre gone,  
All useless now to sing their lauds  
And chant their siren song.

No more to lure the Irish boys  
The "Harp" of Jimmy swells;  
That Irish boys did end his joys  
His tale of ruin tells.  
Thus Knowledge ever Honor wakes  
And fakers get their dues,  
The Movement is not ale and cakes—  
They now have time to muse.

A. R.  
Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama, Nov. 27.

## THE WHYNESS OF THE WHERE-OF.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Some folks may be wondering at the A. F. of L. dominated Socialist party papers, "Call" and "Volkszeitung," advocating the so-called free speech fight of the Spokane I-am-a-bum, who are masquerading under the name I. W. W. Of course there is a reason for it, and here is what an S. P. man tells me: There is in the S. P. an aggressive element who are for industrial unionism. They have been shut out by the papers mentioned, but since election their clamor has been growing. They cry that the S. P. press should voice the aspiration for Socialist unionism as being taken up by others, and the A. F. of L. lick spittlers were in a fix. Then along came the I-am-a-bum so-called free speech fight in which the pure and simple union S. P. element saw its salvation. They "took up" the fight, and when the industrialists now make protest that they are not given a hearing the "Call" and "Volkszeitung" are thrust in their faces with the query "Look at this! what more do you want?" My informant says this bluff is not at all satisfying to the genuine industrialists in the S. P. They are on to the game. The A. F. of L. element don't care—Spokane is so far away, and it is "only a political free speech fight they say."

Monitor.

New York, Nov. 28.

## AMERIKA N. G.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—One other good result of the recent slump in the S. P. vote is that we may soon see the "Volkszeitung" crew relieve the American movement of themselves by one and all migrating back to Germany. This would be good for America, but awful to the comrades in Germany.

Meeting the other day Ludwig Jablonsky, a "Volkszeitung" employe, the talk drifted around to Socialist party matters and the way their "vote" kite had come down. "Ach!" cried Jablonsky, with disgust oozing out of every pore, "There is nothing to be done in Amerika!"

Will they now return to Germany to "do something"—or will they remain here to traffic some more on the movement which they in their stupidity are condemning as hopeless?  
H. M.  
New York, November 29.

## HARTFORD LECTURES.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Section Hartford, S. L. P., at its last meeting decided to start again discussion meetings on Sunday afternoons. The first meeting therefore was held on Sunday, December 5, 3 o'clock, at headquarters, 34 Elm street.

These meetings proved to be quite interesting last winter, and there is ample reason to believe that they can be the same this winter, even more so, for the happenings of the past year, especially regarding politics, have demonstrated without a doubt that the well established and strictly maintained attitude of the Socialist Labor Party has been proved to be sound and correct.

It is very essential for anyone who has observed with interest late occurrences on the field of politics and economics to get thoroughly acquainted with the basic facts underlying these movements, and aside from an elaborate study, there is nothing so well adapted to clarify and to remove doubts than such discussion meetings.

We therefore cordially invite anyone interested in the labor movement, to attend and especially do we call upon the numerous readers of The People to be present.

Organizer.

Hartford, Conn., November 28.

## BERGER TALKS.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—On Monday evening, November 29, V. L. Berger spoke before the membership of the Social Democratic party on "What I saw in Europe." C. D. Thompson, in introducing Berger, made the statement that there are other forces besides the Socialist movement which are making for Socialism. He mentioned such "forces" as the large magazines, churches, etc.

Berger opened up by discussing the English budget. From there he went to Germany, told us of the arm chairs, and conditions of the German labor temples. He said that the labor editors receive on the average from 5,000 to 7,000 marks, which is comparatively more than what Socialist editors receive in America. Berger did not mention that most of the German party papers are party-owned, where the editor does not receive a dividend, as is the case in America. He hinted that Socialist editors in this country ought to receive a similar wage.

From Germany he took us to Austria. The points he enumerated here are all known to S. L. P. men.

Of conditions or developments in the French labor movement, he gave hardly anything; only one point he mentioned, and that was that he enjoyed a hearty dinner with Jaures.

But imagine the suspense yours truly was in when Berger spoke of the session of the International Socialist Bureau. With hands tightly clasping a chair to prevent myself from falling to the floor when Berger would tell us how he killed the S. L. P. here, and finally in Europe at the Bureau, I could hardly stand the strain. And the following is what he told us happened at the Bureau: The Bureau adopted the order of business as recommended by the American delegation; that the Bureau, would at the next International Socialist Congress at Copenhagen decide ways and means to help the big strikes, such as occurred in Sweden, and then all was over, but not a word of how he disposed the S. L. P. delegate.

"The labor leaders of Europe are honest, while in America they are not. A Mitchell and Gompers would not be tolerated in Europe," Berger said. "The semi-colonial conditions and the strong immigration in this country make Mitchell and Gompers possible in America."

Well, that's what Berger said—but didn't he raise Gompers' salary? Didn't he second the motion to re-elect Gompers for President of the A. F. of L.? Don't Berger hob-nob with the A. F. of L.? That being true, it certainly must be the two factors mentioned by him that make a Gompers possible, according to Berger's logic. "Since I was in Europe Gompers stands discredited by the European workmen," is the way he put it. In Europe he can kill Gompers, but why don't he do it in America?

To make the visit of Gompers and Berger to Europe appear more farcical, it would be a good idea to let "the old man in the S. L. P." finish both of them in Europe.

It was prophesied by Berger that in 15 years, America would have a labor movement greater than that of Europe.  
Alb. Schnabel.  
Milwaukee, Wis., November 30.

## NO WONDER A. M. SIMONS WON'DERS "WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE S. P.!"

To the Daily and Weekly People:—A Committee of three was elected by the Central Committee of the Chicago S. P. to look into and compare the pay roll of the "Daily Socialist" with other Socialist papers, and especially with the Bohemian paper "Spravodlivost."

Owing to the absence of one of the committee they were unable to report at the following meeting, but certain persons, who are anxious to be in the salary drawers' position, brought their influence to bear with the committee to make a partial report, they having got wind of certain recommendations which the committee intended to make. As a call for an election for the Board of Directors was out, and as A. M. Simons was running, the report of the committee was considered necessary in order to defeat him.

The committee, consisting of workmen, uncovered a nasty nest of corruption, and looting, and all at the expense of the "Dear Comrades," who are continually bled by means of crying appeals for funds.

Here are the salaries in the editorial department of the "Daily Socialist," and consider also the small circulation and the little work necessary. Savior A. M. Simons, he who, when talking (put down crying, as he always cries) to his dupes, never fails to tell them how one of his children was "sacrificed to the Socialist Movement"—his salary is \$30 per week OUTSIDE OF OTHER WORK WHICH HE DOES—AND GETS PAID FOR.

Besides that, his wife, is also at the crib, with \$15 per week. She "attends to the mail in the editorial department."

While I am at it—I mean at the Simons family—the committee also found out that when he was on the Red Special, he drew double salary, that is, he increased his wife's salary to \$30, and he got pay from the National Office, besides. He Simons, admitted that himself, but not so easily, because nobody would have known that but for the mistakes of Simons. Every one of the committee professed to like Simons, but he did not have any liking for them. Why should he? They recommended his salary be reduced to \$15 per week, and that the rest of his family go home and not "sacrifice any more babies." So he called the Committee names—"snarling curs," and "dogs."

This much I will say in favor of the Committee. They did not allow themselves to be used by either faction. They came back with facts and figures at the whole crew of salary-grabbers. I would not be a bit surprised to hear that they do read The People. They nailed the self-confessed salary-grabber, Simons to the wall, and he looked so cheap when they got through with him that he was willing to accept the \$15 when only one hour previous he defied them all with a spirit of braggadocio, saying that he could get \$50 per week on any capitalist paper. But his spirit, like the spirit of all fakirs, flew when it was shown that in spite of the large salary in the Simons family, they have only two shares of "Daily Socialist" stock and never gave a penny to the Red Special last presidential campaign.

Next comes Peyton Boswell, a friend of Simons', also some kind of an editor, with \$30 a week. My neighbor sitting near me whispered in my ear about the stenographer, a girl who used to work for ex-State Secretary James Smith and then for the present Secretary Bentall, an ex-sky pilot. Boswell took her away and he keeps her. Enough of this, as I do not like to "take up too much space in your valuable paper. This is simply a hint, as the active rank and file of the Socialist party know and feel that there is something rotten, not in Denmark, but in the Socialist party.

"On the Job."

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29.

## ATTLEBORO S. P. YIELDS TO S. L. P.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—On Sunday evening, November 21, we organized a Section of the Socialist Labor Party in this town, with nine members' names to our charter. The movement that was started a few years ago by the Socialist party has ended in a complete surrender to the S. L. P., we having converted their most active members. One of these was Secretary of Local North Attleboro, S. P., Comrade Alvin D. Kimball, another is Charles Holden, the most active member of Local Attleboro S. P. He has become sick and disgusted with the actions of the "Socialist Federation of Scabs." The others, who are now subscribers to the Weekly People, will, through reading it, and with our sound agitation, become class-conscious members of the S. L. P.

We have selected our members carefully, having due regard for their in-

telligence and militant class-consciousness, rather than a large Section of wild cats and dogs as voters and dues-paying members.

The work we have laid out is to associate with the local Swedish Federation of the S. L. P., and establish a headquarters with a free library of books and papers in English, Swedish and Jewish, collected from comrades and sympathizers.

There will be also official discussions and debates on Socialism and on industrial conditions every week. All are invited to develop their intellect.

For our officers, we have elected men who are willing to carry on the work of agitation, and have selected each for the position in which he is best fitted. Comrade Platt organized the Section, but as he is not a citizen at present he declined the organization in favor of Charles H. Tobin, a strong old veteran of the S. L. P. of Section Providence, R. I., but a resident of North Attleboro. Comrade Platt preferred to take the office of literary agent, for which work he is better fitted. For secretary M. J. Brohen was chosen, who was formerly recording secretary of Section Pawtucket, S. L. P., of R. I. He was for a time in the ranks of the "philosophical anarchists," but realizing that there is no constructive basis provided for the working class in that doctrine, he has returned wiser and with more vigor to the S. L. P. For financial secretary we have elected Alvin D. Kimball; for treasurer, Charles F. Holden, a former member of the S. P., and the most active.

M. J. Brohen.

Attleboro, Mass., November 25.

## EICHMANN STILL S. P. FAVORITE.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Readers of The People know of one Morris Eichmann, of West Hoboken, who was once elected Justice of the Peace on the Socialist party, the Democratic party, the Republican party and Citizens' party tickets, and who was subsequently elected again on the Republican party and Democratic party tickets. Last year he was a candidate for only one of the two last named parties, and was defeated by his opponent. He is now a member and vice-president of the Agile Club, which is interested in the subjects of political economy and Socialism.

This suggests to me a statement which an S. P. man made to me when Eichmann was a candidate on the two capitalist party tickets. He said that Eichmann was still a Socialist at heart.

Ernest Alazzone.

West Hoboken, N. J., November 24.

## HOW COULD "GENIUSES" DEMAND PROOF?

To the Daily and Weekly People:—After reading Paul Kretlow's statement in the Daily People, relative to the International Socialist Bureau's session, that some of the delegates asked him for copies of documents upon the composition of the two Socialist parties in America, I now realize why Berger said upon his return from Europe, addressing the Milwaukee Social Democrats, that "there are very few geniuses in the European labor movement, a very few."

The reason he thinks there are no geniuses in Europe may be due to the fact that they demand proof when something is said upon the American labor movement. Or is it because the delegates to the Bureau didn't digest all of Berger's bunk?

Berger in his Milwaukee reception speech intimated that there was no Socialist movement in America. "New York and Chicago have no movement to amount to anything, only we in Wisconsin and Milwaukee have. We are the Saxony of America." On the contrary, Bergerism appears to be dwindling away.

Albert Schnabel.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 1.

## THE "50,000" S. P.'ERS.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—I see by the November issue of the International Socialist Review that, on a clause to amend the Declaration of principles of the Socialist Party, committing it to private possession (ownership), of land, there were but 2,565 votes cast against this capitalist measure. Now, if the 2,565 members of the S. L. P. and probably 3,000 in the Language Federations take a straight revolutionary stand opposed, "as any Mexican Socialist must," to private ownership of land, how can Victor Berger claim that the S. P. represents 97 per cent. of the American Socialists? I hope Kautsky, Bebel, Singer, Guesde, Herve, Valliant, Plechanoff, Queich, and the rest of the European Socialists will take this under serious consideration before the next session of the International Congress. When the S. P. boosters at their 1908 convention in Chicago were shouting themselves hoarse about 50,000 members, an S. P. official of their National Secretary's office told the writer they had about

37,000 members. I venture to predict that, taking into consideration the splits and withdrawals throughout the country, the bona fide membership of the S. P. will not equal the S. L. P. and Language Federations unless the millionaire Socialists and politicians pay the dues.

The S. P. is in the position of the Kansas farmer who rushed into a burning stable and rescued a mule, which, after getting in the open, kicked him to death. The S. P. rushed to the rescue of the A. F. of L. when the S. T. & L. A. and Independents had them on the run in 1898; the S. P. helped Gompers grow from 600,000 to two million; now Gompers is going to kick the S. P. out of business. Let the 2,565, who voted against private ownership of land and were snowed under, leave the S. P. and join the S. L. P. and Berger will represent zero at the next congress.

S. L. P.

Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 23.

## TO S. L. P. VOTERS OF ELIZABETH, N. J.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Another election has passed and again the correctness of the S. L. P. position has been demonstrated. Let me ask you, my comrades, what are you doing to strengthen or maintain that position? Don't let the present opportunity pass without an effort on your part to do something. Right here in Elizabeth there is a field of labor for all who will do a little to help educate our fellow workmen. No doubt you realize that they need educating along the lines of the S. L. P.—but you can not think of a way to reach them.

I would like very much to meet those of you that will help spread the light, and if you will drop me a postal with your name and address I will call and explain a plan whereby you can do a great deal toward increasing the circulation of the Weekly People without very much trouble on your part.

Going over the election returns, we find seventy-six S. L. P. voters in Elizabeth. Just stop and consider what a vast amount of propaganda work we can do if we only go about it in a systematic manner. Don't let this opportunity slip by or you will regret it in a very short time. Send me your name and address and hear our plan; it will not mean that you must take up the work. But let us get acquainted anyhow.

I know we all feel that something must be done. Now is the time. Elizabeth is the place for our work. We have the material, the working class, and the tools, the Daily and Weekly People and S. L. P. literature. All we need is the men to do the work. Will you do a little? Let us show the spirit of the seventy-six!

William J. Carroll.

No. 1076 Bond street.

Elizabeth, N. J., November 18.

## PIERSON SENDS ANOTHER BATCH

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Since my arrival in El Paso, and with the co-operation of Fannie Chernin, we succeeded so far in landing one sub for "Arbeteren," one for the "Volksfreund and Arbeiter Zeitung," one for the "Arbeiter," and twenty-one for the Weekly People. With the two subs secured in Abilene this makes a total of twenty-six for the week.

For the first time in many a day the slaves of El Paso had the opportunity of hearing the message of the S. L. P. last Tuesday night, and again Saturday night, at our open-air meetings, held on the corner of San Antonio and Broadway, and at Overland and Broadway. Both meetings were well attended and we succeeded in disposing of forty-eight pamphlets. We landed one sub for the "Volksfreund and Arbeiter Zeitung" and secured the names and addresses of nine wage workers who signified their intention of joining the Party. So if all goes well a Section of the S. L. P. is assured for El Paso.

An indoor meeting will be held in Mexican Club Hall this Wednesday night for the purpose of organizing the Section. Comrade Fannie Chernin is sending letters to applicants and to some of our new subscribers, announcing the meeting. Comrade Chernin, although in delicate health, is a hard and faithful worker for the S. L. P., and should we succeed, as we hope to, in organizing the Section she will, I know, do all within her power to aid and encourage those who join hands with us.

Chas. Pierson.

El Paso, Tex., November 22.

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A. Y., FAIRHAVEN, MASS.—The sentence—"The economic Movement may take a little at a time"—in the address "The Preamble of the I. W. W." means to contrast the methods of the political with the economic organization. The political organization has no mission other than to preach the revolution and thereby organize the revolutionary Union. The day of the victory of the political organization marks the day for its disbandment, and the day of its disbandment is the day for the revolutionary Union to take possession of the reins of government. The practical result of this is that the political organization can indulge in no "one thing at a time"; no "immediate demands"; no "desisting and treating." On the contrary, the economic organization, may and must take what it can, and every little improvement in the shop, and to that end is compelled to "deal" with the foe. The political organization would only weaken its effectiveness by any small demand; it must demand the whole thing, the overthrow of capitalism; the economic organization would only weaken its effectiveness if it refused any "improvement," and would accept only the full shop.

L. A., NEW CASTLE, PA.—Even the Law recognizes that necessity is a cruel master, and such pressure is frequently considered a mitigating circumstance. He who steals because he is hungry is one class of man; he who systematically recommends theft is another. The former might be a useful man in the Movement; the latter is a slummiest who can only pollute the Movement, and who will assuredly sell it out.

D. B. M., GRANITE, OKLA.—The "political strike" is a term applied to strikes by Unions caused not by any shop condition, nor contemplating shop conditions, but caused either by some act of Government abridging political rights, or by the desire to extend existing political rights. The Belgian strike of 1902, for instance, was a political strike. It was declared for the purpose of extending the suffrage.—Next question next week.

W. E. W., JACKSONVILLE, ILL.—Make no mistake about that. The issue of Anarchy, raised by the I-am-a-bum, is useful, and what is more, it is timely. All other countries have gone through that infant disease stage. We might as well handle the disease now—and better now than later. The I-am-a-bum do have their use in the scheme of Nature.

M. R., ST. LOUIS, MO.—The proceedings of the 4th (1908) convention of the I. W. W. were never issued stenographically. The "Industrial Bulletin" published them stragglingly in the course of the last months of its existence.

T. I. S., HOLLAND, MICH.—Not love of Socialism is the moving force with the "intellectuals" of the S. P.; the moving force with the gentlemen is hatred—hatred of the S. L. P.

J. M. K., PITTSFIELD, MASS.—Not all people have capabilities for the same kind of work. The ideal work for woman's enfranchisement is in class-conscious Socialist bodies. But all women have not adaptation for that. Such women, or men, should affiliate with the suffragists. But they should take care not to allow themselves to be drawn into that swirl of the suffragist movement that is purely sexual and sentimental.—Next question next week.

T. D. D., NEW YORK.—The Socialist Movement of the world did not endorse when an Anarchist murdered President Carnot of France; neither did the Socialist Movement indignant when the Anarchist was executed. For much more reason the S. L. P. neither entitles at the so-called "Free Speech" riots of Spokane, nor does it indignant when any of the rioters is sentenced. The Anarchist who murdered Carnot had on his side the extenuating circumstance of being a crazy fanatic. The Spokane at fair, on the contrary, is engineered by a lot of self-seekers after notoriety and cash; people who hold themselves in the estimation indicated by their favorite song, "I-am-a-bum," in keeping with the suggestions of theft, made by their organ. The S. L. P. is neither lightweight enough to be taken in, nor is the Party or its press in need of sensationalism.

P. C., PATERSON, N. J.—You do not state facts enough to form an opinion. Did the man raise the \$10 loan under false pretences? or has he been able to

return it? The simple fact of raising a loan and not canceling it is not enough to entitle a man to be enrolled with sellers of leaf tobacco, the boxes filled with bricks instead of tobacco; or with peddlers of contrivances to cheat the electric meter. In short, the facts are not enough to entitle a man to the distinction of a slummiest.

M. S., NEW BEDFORD, MASS.—It is this way. The moment a man goes crook he becomes consumed with a vitriolic hatred for the S. L. P. 'Tis natural.

E. J. J., PORTLAND, ORE.—The "Frisco 'Boosters' Club" and its glorious bulletin were repudiated by the 'Frisco S. P. organization; but the repudiation did not happen until the "Boosters" and their product were so beautifully harpooned by The People's contributor J. H. in the article: "Fly-paper for all." Before that they liked it.

A. L., NEW YORK.—What this office thinks of "The Call"? We would prefer such questions were not asked. But being asked so pressing, and with such kind words, here's the answer: "The Call" reminds us of the wench Solomon Spent says he came across in the Levant and the Antilles—"all paint and pocket."

A. D. M., LOUISVILLE, KY.—Long before the last I. W. W. convention, the Spokane I-am-a-bum blacklisted The People from their hall, and illustrated their love for free speech by slugging any S. L. P. man who stepped in there and was not on his guard. This answers both questions.

E. J. H., PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Matter will be used in Sunday after Christmas issue, December 26.

E. S. B., DETROIT, MICH.—Shall inquire from author of the article.

W. A. W., NEW YORK.—The article in the clipping was rather vague. Shall preserve it and watch developments.

S. S., CHICAGO, ILL.—"The Independent" is read by almost all classes of people, except workmen. Its editorial policy is bourgeois radical.—Next question next week, although amply answered by several articles in this paper.

T. P., BROOKLYN, N. Y.—It is not at all surprising that the Robert Hunters, and other S. P. intellectuals have no use for Unionism. Read the closing passages of Marx's "Misery of Philosophy." Utopian or bourgeois Socialists never have been able to grasp the Union question.

L. D. G., SEATTLE, WASH.—A ship in a storm reefs in its sails, sees to its timbers, and gives the storm the "right of way." That is what the ship of the S. L. P. did during the S. P. storm. That explains the S. L. P. decline in votes. The ship having remained staunch it will re-unfold its sails in good time, while the storm will have been "in the deep bosom of the ocean buried."

A. M., NEW YORK.—Kretlow's letter in The People is not his report. The report will appear when the Sub-Committee of the N. E. C. has read it, and ordered its publication. It will make you feel good. In the meantime wear your soul with patience.

F. R., BLOOMFIELD, N. J.; A. S. C., CHICAGO, ILL.; F. L., FERGUSON, B. C.; C. C. C., PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y.; A. L. W., NEPONSET, MASS.; A. R. B., FOREST CITY, ARK.; J. K., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.; S. A. J. S., BRIDGEPORT, CONN.; M. F., SHERBURN, N. Y.; H. B. S., HAMILTON, CANADA; G. R., JACKSONVILLE, ILL.; H. J. S., LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Matter received.

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State Executive Committees are hereby  
notified to send a copy of the creden-  
tials and pledges of their respective N.  
E. C. members to this office before Janu-  
ary 1st, 1910.  
Paul Augustine, National Secretary.  
New York, November 29, 1909.

**NEW YORK S. E. C., S. L. P.**  
A regular meeting of the New York  
State Executive Committee, Socialist  
Labor Party, was held on Friday evening,  
December 3rd, at the Daily People Build-  
ing, 28 City Hall Place, New York, with  
A. Grieb in the chair; others present  
were Kuhn, Walters, Schaefer, Hiltner,  
Donohue and Moonella. Absent, Wilson  
and Johnson.  
Minutes of previous meeting adopted  
as read.

Correspondence: From Charles H. Cor-  
regan, Syracuse, order for due stamps  
and reporting on local conditions; from  
O. Beldner, Jamestown, advising he had  
been elected Organizer of Section and  
requesting this Committee's help; matter  
attended to by Secretary. The Secretary  
further reported he had sent out call for  
votes on N. E. C. Member for New York  
State, vote to close Wednesday, Decem-  
ber 22nd, candidates being P. E. De Lee  
of Troy, John S. Kandel of New York,  
and Boris Reinstein of Buffalo; wrote a  
letter regarding general Party matters  
to Section Westchester County, and  
pointing out what was required of Sec-  
tions in the way of pushing the Party's  
interests forward; from Monroe Fuller,  
Scherburne, N. Y., requesting to have lit-  
erature sent for local distribution, which  
the Secretary stated he would send. Bill  
of Secretary, for postage, October and  
November, \$1.37, ordered paid.

Financial report, November, Income,  
\$60.90; expenses, \$2.06; balance \$58.84.  
Meeting adjourned 7.45 p. m., to meet  
again Friday, December 17th, 7 p. m.

**CONNECTICUT S. E. C.**  
A regular meeting of the Connecticut  
S. E. C., Socialist Labor Party, was held  
at headquarters, 34 Elm street, Hartford,  
November 18, at 8 p. m., with Martin  
Stamus of Rockville in the chair. All  
members present.

The minutes of previous meeting were  
adopted.  
Communications from Section Bridge-  
port, regarding organizer. Nominated J.  
Marek of New Haven, as N. E. C. mem-  
ber, sent \$9.00 for due stamps, and vote  
of the last city election. From Section  
Hartford, sending \$3.00 for due stamps.  
From Chas. Mercer, declining the nom-  
ination as N. E. C. member. From Sec-  
tion Rockville, sending \$20.13 from last  
picnic, \$3.00 for due stamps, nomination  
of J. Marek of New Haven as N. E. C.  
member. From M. Svensen, Danbury,  
regarding debate between S. L. P. and  
S. P. From J. Marek, New Haven, send-  
ing pledge as N. E. C. member and bill  
of \$3.00 for railroad expenses.

Financial report: Income, \$69.13; ex-  
penses, \$3.00; balance on hand, \$113.93.  
State Secretary Fellermann reported  
about the new election law in Connecti-  
cut; further, he declared J. Marek, of  
New Haven, elected N. E. C. member,  
because Chas. Mercer declined.  
The bill of J. Marek approved and  
amount ordered paid.  
Meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.  
Frank Knotek,  
Recording Secretary.

**WEST SIDE LECTURE COURSE!**  
New York West Side lectures begin  
every SUNDAY, 2 p. m., at Berkeley  
Lyceum Hall, 44th street west of Fifth  
avenue.  
All districts in Manhattan should ad-  
vertise these lectures and help to make  
them a success.

Following is the complete program  
for the month of December:  
SUNDAY, December 12th—Louis C.  
Frazer, "The Social Revolution."  
SUNDAY, December 19th—Rudolph  
Katz, "Industrial Unionism in Action."  
SUNDAY, December 26th—Dr. Anna  
Morey, "Man's Attitude Towards Wo-  
man."  
Admission to these lectures is FREE.  
All are welcome. Music by A. Gross-  
sandler's Orchestra.

## TO CANADIANS

Especially Those of Toronto and  
Hamilton, Ontario.

The education of the work-  
ing-class, which must eventually fit  
them for the rearing of the Industrial  
Commonwealth, is dependent on the  
activity of the members of the Social-  
ist Labor Party. This activity con-  
sists in the forming of Socialist Labor  
Party Sections, in sound agitation, in  
the distribution of proper literature, in  
the securing of subscriptions for the  
Daily and Weekly People, and, in the  
constant contribution of the necessary  
funds with which to carry on the work.

There is not a reader of the Daily  
or Weekly People who cannot assist  
the Party in some one of these sev-  
eral ways. It is true that everyone  
is not gifted with the qualifications  
of a speaker, but he who has two  
hands and a will can circulate leaflets  
and other literature. Others, again,  
may be best suited for the securing  
of subscribers to the Party organs,  
but unless they belong to some S. L. P.  
Section, they do not act in this capacity  
to the full extent of their abilities.  
Still others, who are in sympathy with  
the movement, but whom circumstan-  
ces deprive of attending the meetings  
regularly, will be able to express their  
sincerity by making such money con-  
tributions as they can afford—all of  
which is very necessary for the work  
of propaganda.

That such industrial centres as Tor-  
onto and Hamilton should be without  
S. L. P. Sections to carry on a sys-  
tematic propaganda is a disgrace to the  
Socialist Movement, especially in view  
of the fact that the Socialist party is  
on the decline, and that the position  
of the S. L. P. is fully vindicated.  
The word "Socialism" is a common  
topic of the capitalist press, and can-  
not longer be confounded with bomb-  
ism and anarchy. Who is there so  
weak as to lose hope in this advanced  
age since those who founded the  
scientific basis of Socialism half a  
century ago fought on amidst anera,  
persecutions and exile? To-day, the  
apex of the Socialist Movement has  
reached a height where it is attract-  
ing world-wide attention.

It is proposed by the National Ex-  
ecutive Committee of the Socialist  
Labor Party of Canada to organize S.  
P. L. Sections in both Toronto and  
Hamilton, and all the readers and  
sympathizers of the Daily and Weekly  
People, who are willing to join in the  
work of forming Sections in these  
cities, are requested to write their in-  
tentions to

Philip Courtenay  
144 Duchesse Avenue,  
London, Ontario.

and to be explicit in giving in full, their  
Name .....  
Address .....  
City .....  
Occupation .....

And, in what capacity they can act  
as a member, stating whether qual-  
ified as speaker, or in what other way  
they can assist in building up a  
sound S. L. P. Section. This informa-  
tion is essential, since it is impos-  
sible to organize a working Section  
unless a sufficient number of active  
members can be secured. Get as  
many wage workers to join as possible.  
Everyone can help in some way in  
pushing the propaganda.

Membership dues to the N. E. C.  
are only five cents per member for  
each month.  
All readers are requested to act at  
once in this matter, before any  
changes of address, to which the pro-  
letariat is subjected, can take place.  
The contest is on between Toronto and  
Hamilton. Let us see which of these  
two cities can speediest produce the  
required number of men and women  
who have the proper metal to rally  
around the S. L. P. banner when duty  
calls.

The National Executive Committee, S.  
L. P. of London, Ont., will send an  
organizer to either place when a suf-  
ficient number of applications has  
been received to assure the successful  
organizing of an S. L. P. Section.  
Philip Courtenay,  
National Secretary,  
S. L. P. of Canada.

## TEN CENT BOOKS

Communist Manifesto.  
Engels, Life Of.  
No Compromise.  
Socialism, What It Is.  
Workingman's Programme.

New York Labor News Company,  
28 City Hall Place, New York.

## PANAMA ON TIME

The Boys There Give One of Their  
Periodic Good Gifts.

Swift on the heels of the remittance  
from the Tanana, Alaska, S. L. P., men  
comes one of those regular remittances  
from our comrades in the Panama  
Canal Zone who send \$34.75 to the  
Operating Fund. But this is not all,  
they send subs and orders for litera-  
ture also.

In Alaska and Panama the Weekly  
People is awaited with keen interest.  
During the long winter in Alaska, when  
mail is carried by dog teams, news-  
papers, especially Socialist ones, reach  
their readers irregularly. To overcome  
this we have readers, who, besides  
sending the regular subscription price,  
pay letter postage in addition, to insure  
getting the paper more regularly. From  
Alaska and Panama, as a result of the  
propaganda work of our friends, there  
return to this country, men who are  
equipped to carry on the propaganda  
here. We here also have our oppor-  
tunities to spread the light, let us not  
be found wanting in doing our share  
of the work.

The following contributions received  
since last report:

A. Pieler, Panama, .....	5.00
Jim Cody, .....	2.00
M. Cody, .....	2.00
A. Dallan, .....	1.00
W. Atkinson, .....	1.00
J. Hassett, .....	1.00
W. Douglas, .....	1.00
J. Hrochewane, .....	1.00
A. Wimborrow, .....	1.00
E. Kindall, .....	1.00
F. Foster, .....	1.00
A. Novak, .....	1.00
B. Avick, .....	1.00
F. McCormish, .....	1.00
Jim Johnson, .....	1.00
A. Conway, .....	1.00
Chas. Lyons, .....	1.00
C. Randall, .....	1.00
Bill Wilson, .....	1.00
C. Pring, .....	1.00
Tom Dixon, .....	1.00
C. Chase, .....	1.00
Bob Dow, .....	1.00
Ed Boggs, .....	1.00
J. Farrell, .....	1.00
Joe Cummings, .....	1.00
Joe Weiser, .....	1.00
W. H. Small, .....	1.00
Tony Mohan, .....	.75
F. Garner, Ferguson, B. C., ..	2.00
L.O. Medick, Pittsfield, Mass.,	1.00
H. Schmalfuss, .....	1.00
A. Anderson, Brooklyn, N. Y.,	1.00
M. R. New York, .....	.50
E. McCormick, New York, ..	.50
H. Preis, Newark, N. J., .....	1.00
H. Hartung, .....	.25
P. Knego, .....	.25
A. Finowich, .....	.25
F. Campbell, .....	.25
G. Tinfowich, .....	.25
H. Corlendish, .....	.25
S. M., Jersey City, N. J., hand- ed to Abelson .....	10.00
H. Hall, Ogden, Utah .....	1.00
Marxian Club, Ogden, Utah ..	1.50
O. Gundermann, Wausau, Wis.,	.50
Total .....	56.25
Previously acknowledged ..	5.587.67
Grand total .....	\$5,643.92

## COLORADO S. E. C.

The Colorado State Executive Com-  
mittee, Socialist Labor Party, met on  
November 18th. A. Ohman chairman.  
Minutes of previous meeting approved  
as read.

Correspondence:—From National Sec-  
retary sending blanks for the general  
vote on matter of Language Federations.  
Secretary stated that Sections and mem-  
bers-at-large had been supplied. From  
W. S. Miller of Pueblo, general news on  
party matters and on possibility of re-  
organizing Section Pueblo. Letter filed.  
From John Prince of Superior, giving  
information as to situation in northern  
coal fields and sending names of sym-  
pathizers and persons who would read the  
Weekly People. Matter attended to by  
secretary. From J. U. Billings of Grand  
Junction, regarding affairs in that city  
and expressing his desire to have Com-  
rade Gerry of Colorado Springs visit  
there and canvass for the party press and  
literature. Billings also accepted nomi-  
nation for N. E. C. member. The secre-  
tary was instructed to write to Comrade  
Gerry and offer our financial assistance  
if he will go to Grand Junction. From  
J. D. De Shazer of Durango on party  
affairs and accepting nomination for  
office of N. E. C. member.

Under new business the state secretary  
was instructed to submit for a general  
vote the nominations for N. E. C. mem-  
ber and have vote close December 16th.  
Ways and means were discussed to  
conduct agitation and organization work  
in the state.

Bills were allowed \$1 for postage and  
\$7 for due stamps.

Secretary.

## THE XMAS BOX

Already Started by Vigilant S. L. P.  
Men.

Some days since we received from  
Comrade L. Ginther, Colorado Springs,  
Col., the following communication:

"Daily and Weekly People,  
"It being never too late, or too soon  
to do something toward supporting the  
Party Press, I herein send one dollar  
to start the Christmas Box for the  
Daily People.

"L. Ginther."  
Yesterday we received from Section  
Rensselaer County, N. Y., the follow-  
ing:

"To the Daily and Weekly People,  
"Dear Comrades:—  
"Section Rensselaer County sends the  
enclosed check for \$10 as a Xmas Box  
for the Daily People. Now, Comrades,  
from all over the country, you have a  
start, make it a good Xmas Box.  
"Fraternally,  
"Section Rensselaer County."

The yearly Xmas Box has been a  
factor of varying magnitude in helping  
out the Party institutions financially.  
Now that it is launched for this year  
we hope that the Xmas Box of 1909  
will be the best yet. For the past two  
years we have not borrowed any money  
so that there has been no piling up of  
loan obligations. Instead of meeting  
financial deficits with borrowed money  
we adopted the policy of asking our  
friends to help out with contributions,  
and though at times we have found it  
very difficult to get along, on the whole  
we have succeeded fairly well. The  
beauty of it has been that the deficit  
being spread over a large area it has  
been little or no hardship to our friends  
to meet it.

The time honored custom of our  
comrades and friends in contributing  
to the Xmas Box will, we know, be  
observed by them again.

L. Ginther, Colorado Springs,	1.00
Col. ....	1.00
Section Rensselaer Co., N. Y.,	10.00
Total .....	\$11.00

## ATTENTION, BOSTON!

A mass meeting will be held on SUN-  
DAY afternoon, December 12, 3 o'clock,  
in Lawrence Edcampment Hall, 724  
Washington street, near Kneeland street,  
Boston. The meeting will be under the  
auspices of Section Boston, Socialist  
Labor Party. Charles J. Mercer, of  
Bridgeport, Conn., will be the speaker.  
Subject: "After the Trusts, What?"  
Admission free. Questions invited.  
Copies of Sue books and other literature  
of the Party will be on tables for sale.

**SECTION MILWAUKEE MEETING.**  
Section Milwaukee will hold a regu-  
lar business meeting on Friday even-  
ing, Dec. 17th, at Cate's Hall, 300  
Fourth street, Milwaukee. Order of  
business of special importance is elec-  
tion of officers and preparations for  
the Spring campaign. All members  
should attend.

Alb. Schnabel,  
Organizer.

## ST. LOUIS SOCIALISTS!

A Grand Entertainment and Dance  
will be given by Section St. Louis,  
Socialist Labor Party, on New Year's  
Eve, Friday, Dec. 31, at the Head-  
quarters, 1717 S. Broadway, St. Louis.  
The entertainment will open with a  
one act Drama in German, "Sein Ju-  
belem." After the play there will  
be dancing. Admission 15 cents.  
Friends and sympathizers are cor-  
dially invited.

The Committee.

## UNITY

An Address by DANIEL DE LEON

THE QUESTION OF SOCIAL-  
IST UNITY IS TO THE FORE  
AND THIS PAMPHLET  
SHOULD BE READ BY ALL  
WHO ARE INTERESTED IN  
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PARTY ORGAN.

The following amounts for the Op-  
erating Fund of the "Volksfreund und  
Arbeiter Zeitung" have been received  
since last report in The People. Only  
such acknowledgments will be sent to  
The People as come from Sections and  
individuals who will look in The Peo-  
ple for the accounts:

Previously acknowledged .....	\$4.05
Chas Nelson, Cleveland, O. ....	.50
Section New York, collected on lists .....	10.00
B. Haug, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	1.00
Section Sheboygan, Wis. ....	3.00
Geo. Signarovits, Brooklyn, N. Y., on list No. 42 .....	9.95
Miss W. Loven, Brooklyn, N. Y.,	1.90
Section Mystic, Conn., on list No. 45 .....	5.25
Section Mystic, Conn., on list No. 43 .....	4.00
F. Steer, Cleveland, O. ....	.25
Joe. Kalauch, San Francisco, Cal., on list No. 66 .....	9.25
Section New York, collected on lists .....	6.95
Section Mystic, Conn., on list No. 44 .....	10.35
Total .....	\$145.46

Though the amounts received have  
helped a good deal, we are not over the  
difficulties yet and those Sections, com-  
rades and friends, who have not yet  
responded to our appeal are urgently  
requested to do so at once. Sections  
and comrades who want to help this  
fund but have no list yet should write  
for one immediately to Manager Volks-  
freund, 1386 Ontario street, Cleveland,  
Ohio.

**LADIES TAILORS, ATTENTION.**  
STAY AWAY FROM DETROIT,  
MICH. STRIKE ON TO STOP VIC-  
TIMIZING OF MEMBERS.  
Ladies' Tailors, Branch 1  
of Clothing Workers' Industrial Union,  
No. 2, I. W. W., Detroit, Mich.

## SECTION CALENDAR.

Under this head we shall publish  
standing advertisements of Section  
headquarters, or other permanent an-  
nouncements. The charge will be five  
dollars a year for five lines.

Section San Francisco, Cal., S. L. P.  
Headquarters, Hungarian Socialist  
Federation, 49 Dubose avenue.  
Los Angeles, Cal., Headquarters and  
public reading room at 317 East Sev-  
enth street. Public educational meet-  
ings Sunday evenings. People readers  
are invited to our rooms and meetings.  
Headquarters Section Cincinnati, O.,  
S. L. P., at 1805 Elm street. General  
Committee meets every second and  
fourth Thursday. German, Jewish  
and Hungarian educational meetings  
every Wednesday and Sunday. Open  
every night.

Headquarters of Section Portland,  
Oregon, S. L. P., and Scandinavian  
Socialist Labor Federation, 268 Stark  
street, Room 32.

Section Cleveland, Ohio, S. L. P.,  
meets first and third Sunday of the  
month at 3 p. m., at Headquarters, 1360  
Ontario street, near St. Clair avenue.

Section Allentown, Pa., S. L. P.,  
meets every first Saturday in the  
month at 8 p. m. Headquarters, 815  
Hamilton street.

Section Hartford, Conn., meets every  
second Wednesday in the month at  
8 p. m., at Headquarters, 34 Elm street.

Section Providence, R. I., 81 Dyer  
street, room 3. Regular meetings sec-  
ond and fourth Tuesdays of each  
month.

New Jersey State Executive Com-  
mittee, S. L. P. John Hossack, Sec-  
retary, 22 Fulton ave., Jersey City;  
Fred Gerold, Financial Secretary, 102  
Waverly st., Jersey City, N. J.

Chicago, Illinois—The 14th Ward  
Branch, Socialist Labor Party meets  
every first and third Friday, 8 p. m.,  
at Friedman's Hall, Grand and West-  
ern avenues. Workingmen and women  
invited.

Headquarters Section Seattle, Sulli-  
van Building, 712 First avenue, Room  
207. P. O. Box 1254. Propaganda  
meetings every Sunday, 8 p. m., Mac-  
cabee Hall, corner 4th and Pine streets.

All communications intended for the  
Minnesota S. E. C. should be addressed  
to Herbert Johnson, 475 Como avenue,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Section St. Paul, Minn., S. L. P.,  
holds a business meeting every second  
and fourth Sunday in the month at  
10 a. m. at Federation Hall, cor. 3rd  
and Wabash streets.

Section Denver meets the first Sun-  
day afternoon of each month, at Hall  
401, Club Building, 1731 Arapahoe  
street. People readers invited. Agent  
of Party organs, Al. Wernet, Hotel  
Carlton, 15th and Glenarm streets.

Readers getting the Daily People by  
mail are responding to our call for new  
readers. Have You tried to get a new  
reader in this City?

## MILITANT LEAVEN

Does Not Lose Itself in the Mass Like  
Fabianism.

Once in a while Bernard Shaw says  
a good thing, or, perhaps we should  
say, a half-way good thing. Address-  
ing the convention of the Progressive  
League, London, Shaw, in defending  
the feeble and ridiculous Fabian so-  
ciety, of which he is a member, just-  
ified its spineless socialist tactics on the  
ground that in not holding itself aloof,  
in a spirit of hostility to all other  
bodies, the Fabians made their in-  
fluence felt in other societies. We all  
know how little influence the Fabians  
exert on anybody, or anything, never-  
theless there is a half truth in what  
Shaw says, that it is unwise to as-  
sume that all outside the ranks are  
absolutely heathen. The militants of  
the S. L. P. are not likely to need  
Shaw's advice, as they do not on the  
one hand segregate themselves as a  
"holier than thou" body, nor do they  
on the other hand lose themselves by  
being "nice" and trying to "bore from  
within" middle class organizations,  
churches, or pure and simple unions.

As an evidence of timeliness in  
propaganda work by our friends, last  
week a number of them sent in subs  
secured from S. P. men. That is good.

## 50-CENT BOOKS

Social and Philosophical Stud-  
ies, Lafargue.  
Socialism, Positive and Neg-  
ative, La Monte.  
Ethics and the Material Concep-  
tion of History, Kautsky.  
Positive School Criminology.  
Ferri.  
Revolution and Counter Revo-  
lution, Marx.  
Collectivism and Industrial Evo-  
lution, Vandervelde.

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s it on to a friend.

tactics—convert the heathen—get after  
the proletarian element that has been  
hoodwinked into mistaking the S. P.  
for a Socialist party.

Last week the Active Brigade sent  
subs as follows:

A. Glihaus, Eureka, Cal. ....	5
A. C. McGinty, Frisco, Cal. ....	2
C. J. H. Berg, Frisco, Cal. ....	2
F. Knotek, Hartford, Conn. ....	5
R. Wendin, Hartford, Conn. ....	2
C. E. Warner, New Haven, Conn.,	2
W. Suesbricht, Rockville, Conn.,	2
O. Nordstrom, Chicago, Ill. ....	2
L. Platt, Attleboro, Mass. ....	5
A. E. Reimer, Boston, Mass. ....	6
F. Bohmbach, Boston, Mass. ....	2
D. McGoff, New Bedford, Mass.,	1
A. Nagler, Springfield, Mass.,	1
H. Richter, Hamtramck, Mich.,	2
F. N. Hitchcock, Hamtramck, Mich.,	2
H. Ubrich, Saginaw, Mich. ....	2
M. Robertson, St. Louis, Mo. ....	3
J. Scheidler, St. Louis, Mo. ....	2
F. Zierer, Elizabeth, N. J. ....	5
J. L. Howard, Brooklyn, N. Y.,	2
W. F. Robloff, Buffalo, N. Y.,	2
C. Vonderlieth, New York .....	7
E. Floerke, New York .....	2
J. H. T. Juergens, Canton, O.,	2
F. Brown, Cleveland, O. ....	4
F. P. Weble, Ft. Alleghany, Pa.,	2
C. Pierson, El Paso, Texas .....	11
E. Schade, Newport News, Va.,	2
L. Olsson, Tacoma, Wash. ....	2
D. G. O'Hanrahan, Seattle, Wash.,	12
J. H. Morgan, Kincaid, W. Va.,	2
H. Cody, Panama .....	5

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## PLATFORM

Adopted at the National Convention of the Socialist Labor  
Party, July, 1904, and Re-adopted at the Nation-  
al Convention, July, 1908.

The Socialist Labor Party of America, in convention assem-  
bled, reasserts the inalienable right of man to life, liberty and  
the pursuit of happiness.

We hold that the purpose of government is to secure to  
every citizen the enjoyment of this right; but taught by experi-  
ence we hold furthermore that such right is illusory to the ma-  
jority of the people, to wit, the working class, under the present  
system of economic inequality that is essentially destructive of  
THEIR life, THEIR liberty and THEIR happiness.

We hold that the true theory of politics is that the machinery  
of government must be controlled by the whole people; but  
again taught by experience we hold furthermore that the true  
theory of economics is that the means of production must like-  
wise be owned